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CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS

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Some 450 different types of Canadian trade dollars have been issued by 170 municipalities since the first one was issued in 1960 by Prince Rupert, B.C. The real growth in trade dollars has come in the last three years. There were 54 types issued by 48 municipalities in 1977, 95 types by 68 municipalities in 1978, and about 80 types have been issued in 1979.

Trade dollars have been issued by municipalities in the Yukon and in the Northwest Territories, and in all Provinces of Canada except for Newfoundland. To date, trade dollars have not been issued for use in Newfoundland or Labrador.

About 75% of the trade dollars issued today are 33mm in diameter, in nickel and are struck by the Sherritt Mint, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. The remainder of the trade dollars are struck in copper-nickel, nickel-silver, brass, and bronze. The size range is from 32mm to 39mm. Mintages vary from 5,000 to 100,000, with 10,000 to 25,000 being common for current dollars.

In addition to metallic dollar pieces, so 15 50¢ metallic pieces issued by 11 municipalities between 1958 and 1976 are known. There are also two issues of \$2 pieces and one issue of a \$5.00 and \$20.00 denominations. There have also been issues of metallic 25¢ pieces most of which are in aluminum.

Several hundred issues of wooden pieces in denominations of 5¢ to \$1.00 have also been issued. Sixteen issues of trade notes by 13 municipalities are known. They are in 25¢, \$1.00 and \$3.00 denominations and bear an expiratory date.

A trade dollar is a community coin sponsored by a local authority and given legal monetary value in a limited area for a limited time by the appropriate local authority. It is used as money in normal commercial transactions during its validity.

A listing of all new issues of trade dollars together with the address of the municipality

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EDITORIAL

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Jerry Remick as our Canadian correspondent. Jerry will be reporting on issues from the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Newfoundland, Labrador, and arctic Quebec.

Jerry is also this month's author of our main article. It is an introduction to Canadian Trade Dollars, with special emphasis on those of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Many of you are familiar with Mr. Remick through his writings for Canadian Coin News, World Coin News, and Coin World. He is also a regular contributor to several other publications, and co-author of five books. His latest book, co-authored with Mr. Serge Pelletier, "Canadian Trade Dollars" will be reviewed next month.

Our apologies are due to our subscribers. This is the latest ATC & PN so far. This is being typed on Jan. 5, 1980. It should be in the mail by Jan. 9th. This tardiness was caused by the Christmas rush, inventory, and now by the hectic advances in the gold and silver markets. Our phone has hardly stopped ringing for three days.

The advances in the silver price is also going to delay the issue of our new fixed price list. Many silver items on the list are now priced below their silver value. Our pricing structure will have to be reviewed, and some sort of automatic price adjustment formula will have to be instituted.

Hopefully, this will be accomplished during our January doldrums, and be ready by the end of the month.

Our first shipment of the new AK book is sold out. More on the way.

BOOK REVIEW

SIEG'S SEDDLEKATALOG, NORDEN, 1874-1976, by Frovin Sieg, 1976.

This book is a catalog covering the paper money of Scandinavia from 1874 to 1976. It also includes the paper money of Iceland and Greenland.

A little over a third of the book is dedicated to Denmark, with a comprehensive listing of notes. Private issues, as well as government issues are listed.

Next is a short listing of Danish West Indies, now the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Following the D.W.I. are listings for the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, and Iceland, respectively. The Greenland listing includes the U.S. military issues of World War II, as well as the governmental issues, and one private note. Iceland has the governmental issues, and several private issues.

Listed at the end of the Norway section are the issues by private companies and governmental concessions of Spitsbergen. The largest number of issues are by Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani. They have issued notes since 1916. Also noted are issues of Kings Bay Kull Comp., Svenska Stenkolsaktiebolaget, Green-Harbour Kulgrubekompagni, Grumant Co. Coal Bay, and Arktikugol, the Russian State-owned company. Bear Island issues of 1920/21 and 1923/24 follow the Spitsbergen listings.

Sweden and Finland round out the listings, with governmental and private issues being listed.

The book is hard bound, 285 pages long, on glossy paper. The text is in Danish with English and German summaries.

CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS, cont.

issuing them is given in each of six bi-monthly issues of the CANADIAN TOKEN, issued by the Canadian Association of Token Collectors, 10 Wesanford Place, Hamilton, Ont., Canada L8P 1N6. Dues are \$10.00 per year. The bulletin is about 20 pages or more each issue.

CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS, a 40 page monograph, listing all Canadian trade dollars by municipality and province. Addresses are given for some 85 municipalities still having their trade dollars for sale. Published in November, 1979, this book is available from John Cheramy, P.O. Box 5214, Sta. "B", Victoria, B.C. Canada V9R 6N4 for \$3.50.

A priced catalog of Canadian Trade dollars authored by collector Serge Pelletier is expected to be available soon for under \$5.00.

The following is a listing, with some illustrations, of known trade dollars of the Northwest Territories the Yukon, and a recent discovery of one from Labrador.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



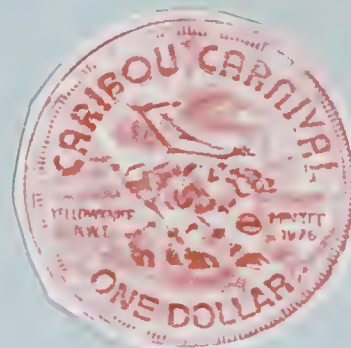
Fort Smith; Centennial dollar 1974

Hay River; Trade dollar, 1974-1978

Inuvik; Lions dollar, 1974, 1975, and 1977. The 1975 is illustrated. The 1974 is available from Mr. Dennis G. Cichelly, Lions Club, Box 1215, Inuvik, NWT Canada XOE 0T0. Price is \$1.25



Yellowknife; Centennial Buck, 1970
Available for \$1.25 each from
Peter Tranter, Treasurer, City of
Yellowknife, P.O. Box 580, Yellow-
knife, NWT, Canada X1A 2N4



Yellowknife; Caribou Carnival, 1974
to 1979. 1976 and 1978 are il-
lustrated.

Addresses for Fort Smith and for
Hay River are not available at
present

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COIN CLUB NEWS

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The eight issues for 1979 are available for 50¢ each, or \$4 for the full year.

Subscription rate for 1980 is \$4 for 12 issues.

If we are to continue with a 5 page format, we require at least one, one page article for each issue. Contributors will receive a free year's subscription. We are set till March, but after that depends on you.

NEW ISSUES:



FAIRBANKS: The Coin Shop, NSA Inc. Good for \$1 in trade. Gold on blue plastic, 41mm. Mintage-250. Available for \$1 and SASE from NSA Inc., P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, AK 99707



FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Coin Club, Wooden 50¢ Membership token. The remaining tokens from the 1979 issue were overprinted with a red "1980" to validate them for use in the current year. Available for 25¢ and SASE from Fairbanks Coin Club, c/o P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks AK 99707.



FAIRBANKS: Roaring 20's Hotel, \$1 in food, beverage, gifts, rooms. Brass, 32mm.

Many bits of information left out of this. Watch February for a lge issue

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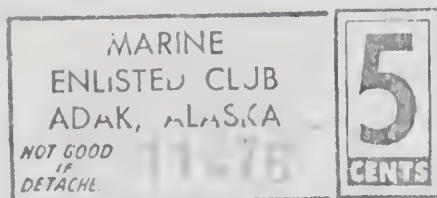
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ALASKAN MILITARY CHITS

by
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In the October issue of ATC&PN, I gave an introduction to the use of paper military chits. In this issue we will turn our attention to the Alaskan area and try to give a listing of military chits known to me. This list is far from complete and any additions to it would be appreciated. I also wish to thank Ruth Hill for her permission to use a listing from her book A Trial Listing of Military Chits published in 1969.

(Ed. note: This listing was completed before Ron Benice's Book, Alaska Tokens was available. This list includes some items that are not in the book, and the book has some that are not included in this listing).

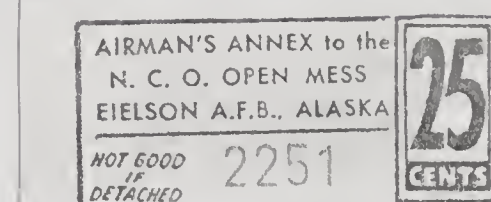


ADAK:
Marine Enlisted Club. 25¢ Lt Pink
(Type I) 10¢ Blue
5¢ White

ADAK (cont.)

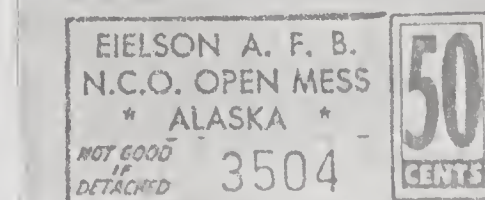
Marine Enlisted Club 25¢ White
10¢ Flesh
5¢ Brown

EIELSON A.F.B.:



Airman's Annex to the N.C.O. Open Mess (Type I) 25¢ Blue
25¢ Pink

N.C.O. Open Mess (Type I) 50¢ Red
25¢ Green



FIRE ISLAND:

N.C.O. Open Mess (Type I) 25¢ Orange
10¢ Kraft
5¢ Yellow

FT. GREELY:

N.C.O. Open Mess 25¢ Lt Org.
Thick Market (Type II) 10¢ Dk Org.
5¢ Lt Pink

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EDITORIAL

Again this month, ATC&PN is late. Basicly the same excuses as last month. With the wild fluctuation in the gold and silver markets, our shop in Fairbanks has been very busy with inquiries and the like. The January "doldrums" predicted in last month's Editorial have not materialized.

We have not recieved a copy of "Canadian Trade Dollars" yet, so this month's book review is also changed.

We will be in Anchorage from the 12th of February til about the 16th. If any of our friends in Anchorage want to get in touch with us, we will be at the Inlet Inn, downtown. This is principlly a buying trip. Have not decieded if we will bring much with us.

The Gastineau Philatelic Society is planning its annual show for some-time in April. Don't have dates on it yet. Since Juneau is very heavy in token collectors (not a pun, Joe), We will be in attendance, with our complete stock of tokens. Dave Fronius was down there last year and he is planning on being down there again.

SCRIP TALK, the publication of the National Scrip Collectors Association had an article on Spitzbergen in its February issue. Mr. Walter Caldwell has informed us that they do not have any more of this issue available. But do not despair; it will also appear in an up-coming TAMS Journal, in an expanded version. If any one has a copy of the NSCA article, we would like a copy for our files.

We still have quite a bit of info that did not run in this issue. May make a large issue for May, our 1st anniversary, if we do not use it up by then

BOOK REVIEW

SIEG'S MØNTKATALOG, NORDEN; 1808-1979, by Frovin Sieg, 1980 ed.

This year's edition is again the same, necessary volume.

The coins of Denmark, Greenland, Iceland, the Faeroe Islands, Norway, Sweden, and Finland are covered. Also covered are the coins of the Danish West Indies.

Greenland and Faeroe Island tokens are covered once again comprehensively. For other tokens, the author refers the reader to earlier editions.

The book is written in Danish, with English chapter summaries.

Those wishing to obtain this book should write to: Frovin Sieg, Ulbjerg Gl. Skole, 8832 Skals, Denmark.

INFORMATION PLEASE?

Below is illustrated a bronze medal that has just come to our attention.

It appears to be Alaskan, although a bit confused. It proclaims the "Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Gold Rush to Alaska, 1898-1973". According to the medal, The Klondike is Alaskan territory.

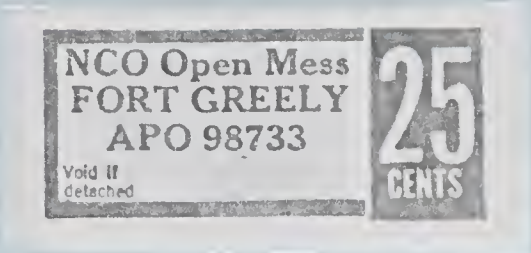
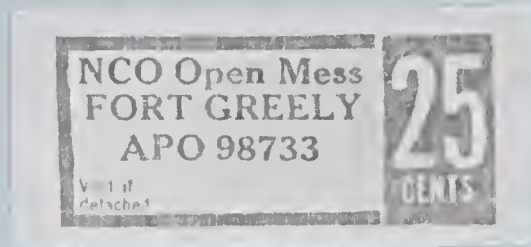
The reverse legend is plain enough to read, along with the designer's (?) initials, K.K.K.

Judging by the serial number, quite a few were struck. Can anyone provide some information on this on?



MILITARY CHITS, continued.

FT. GREELY (cont.)



N.C.O. Open Mess 25¢ Gold
Thin Paper 10¢ Peach
(Type II) 5¢ Pink

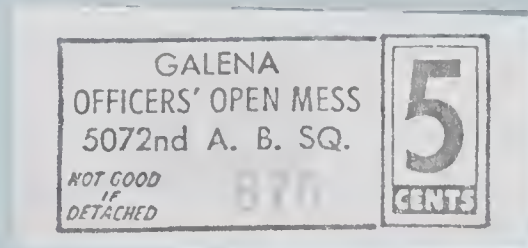
FT. WAINWRIGHT:



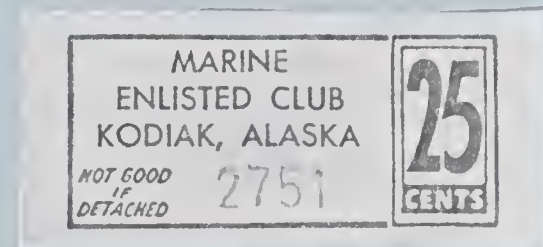
49 Open Mess 25¢ Purple
10¢ Lt Yel.
5¢ Lt Brn.

GALENA:

Officers' Open Mess, 5072nd A. B. Sq. 25¢ Green
(Type I) 10¢ Gold
5¢ Pink

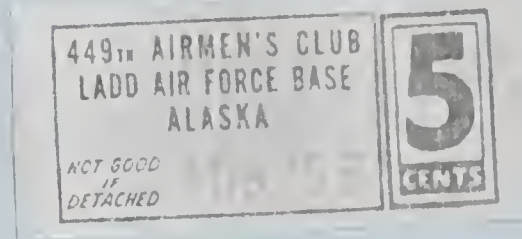


KODIAK:



Marine Enlisted Club 25¢ Green
(Type I) 10¢ White
5¢ Pink
Marine Enlisted Club 25¢ Red
(Type I) 10¢ Orange
5¢ Brown

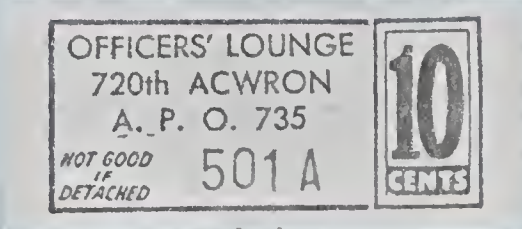
LADD A.F.B.:



449th Airmen's Club 25¢ Cream
(Type I) 10¢ Gray
5¢ Gold

MIDDLETON ISLAND:

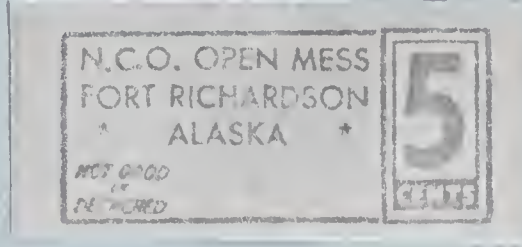
Inferno Club, International Air- 25¢ Kraft
port, Middleton Island 10¢ Green
(Type I) 5¢ Orange



Officers' Lounge, 720th ACWRON 50¢ Gold
(Type I) 25¢ Green
10¢ Gray
5¢ Red

LATE ADDITIONS:

FT. RICHARDSON:



N.C.O. Open Mess 10¢ Tan
(Type I) 5¢ Orange

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MILITARY CHIPS, continued.

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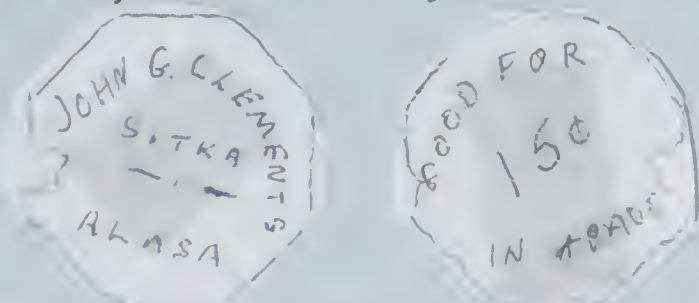
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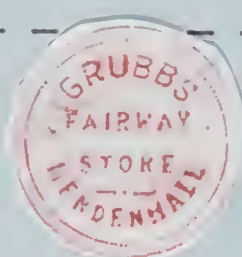
NEW DISCOVERIES:

SITKA; John G. Clements (sketch below), Good for 15¢ in trade.



Any information should be sent to
Dale Dexter, P.O. Box 7434, Ketchikan, AK 99901

MENDENHALL: Grubbs Fairway Store,
5¢ in trade (illustration in next column). Alum. 23mm. Is it AK?



ALASKA GOLD TOKEN:
Regular obverse, different reverse.
Token appeared to be brass. It is
illustrated below. Buyers of these
should be aware of this variety.

The 2 Too-Wah piece is also known
in brass, and gilt-brass.



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SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Subscription rate for 1980 is \$4. Those subscribing will receive all issues for 1980 totalling 12 issues.

Back issues are available for 50¢ each. The full year's issues for 1979 (eight issues) is available for \$4.00.

Payment for any of the above should be made to N.S.A., Inc., in U.S. funds, only.

ALASKA TOKENS by Ron Benice are now in stock again. We sent out a shipment on Feb. 1. If you have not received yours by March 1, please write. Still \$13.00.

NEW ISSUES:



HAINES: Ward Consulting and Research Services, promotional Susie dollar in holder. Available from Karl Ward, Box 14, Haines, AK 99827 for \$5, post paid.



FAIRBANKS: Alaskan Dairies Historical Society. Membership in the Society is \$5 per year, for which you receive a numbered token, as pictured above, membership card, and the Society's memorabilia list of Alaskan bottles, milk tokens, crates, etc.

The tokens are available un-numbered for \$1 plus SASE. Address to Alaskan Dairies Hysterical Society, P.O. Box 1332, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

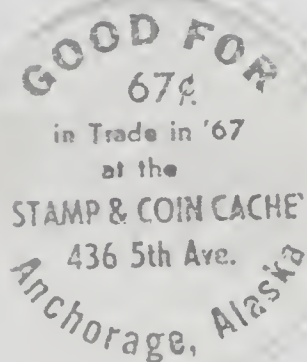
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TOKENS OF ALASKA'S
COIN DEALERS



Alaska has had a long string of coin dealers, many of whom have long been forgotten. Not so for those who have left their mark with tokens.

The tokens, while meaning to bring in additional business, probably served just as advertising. The tokens, in general, were not redeemed. They were given to people who would most likely save them with their collection.

Alaska's oldest coin shop is the Stamp & Coin Cache of Anchorage, owned by Jack and Venus Lamb. Jack and Venus opened for business just over 15 years ago, on March 1 1965, in the Book Cache at 436-5th Ave.

In 1967, the Stamp & Coin Cache issued a wooden nickel, good for 67¢ in trade, good during 1967. Keeping with the theme for the year, the reverse depicts the Purchase Centennial totem pole. The obverse is illustrated above, and the reverse is at the head of the next column.



The Stamp & Coin Cache is now in the Post Office Mall, at 333 W. 4th (see photo on page 3).

Tom Wall, now of Independence, MO, issued a token as Wall's Coins & Tokens, Mt. View, Anchorage. Tom lived in Anchorage for 2 years, from April, 1967 to March, 1969, while stationed at Ft. Richardson with the 37th ARTY. Tom sold coins and tokens through the mail.

Tom had collected tokens before coming to Alaska. Thanks to Kay McDowell (co-author of "Rubles to Statehood") and Jack Lamb, he got hooked on Alaskan tokens.

The tokens were issued in 1968. They

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EDITORIAL

After hitting an all time high in January, silver has settled back into the mid-\$30 range. There was very active trading up to the peak but when it broke, nearly all trading stopped.

Some of you holding the modern silver Alaskan medals have to feel pretty good about this increase. But while your silver is worth more now, it is just as difficult to sell as before. Refiners are backlogged, so dealers who have a surplus have to sit on the silver and wait for this situation to clear.

We are in the process of evaluating our stock of silver medals before we get our much delayed list out. These have been perennially slow sellers.

We find that token collectors fit, generally speaking, into two categories: 1) the serious collector of old, true tokens. He couldn't care less about the new items; 2) the collector who wants to spend only a dollar or two on his tokens and medals. True, there are a small number of collectors who collect everything, but this is the minority. So, it is obvious that silver medals do not fall into either of these 2 main categories.

So, what is one to do with the silver medals? Well, we are planning on selling at the current silver content value. Just how we are going to do this is uncertain as yet, but we are working on it. Our next list is still far from being ready. If you want any silver dollar sized silver medals, just drop us a line

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The Gastineau Philatelic Society show is set for April 19 and 20. We haven't made reservations yet, but we will be there.

BOOK REVIEW

CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS: A Fascinating New Field in Canadian Numismatics, by Jerry Remick and Serge Pelletier.

This publication is Monogram #1, 1980 of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors. It is basically a checklist of all trade dollars known to the authors at time of publication.

The introductory section gives information on the uses of trade dollars, the metals used, numbers issued and other bits of information of interest to the collector.

The Check List is arranged in two forms. The first is a check list by issuing municipality. The second is arranged by province or territory.

Of particular interest to collectors is the listing of issuing agencies that still have trade dollars for sale. This makes it fairly easy to fill some of the holes in a collection.

The book is available from John Cheramy, P.O. Box 5214, Sta. "B", Victoria, B.C. Canada V8R 6N4.

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are brass, and 16.7mm. These were sent to persons ordering coins. None were redeemed.



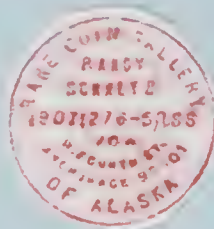
The next issue in Alaska by a coin dealer was a wooden nickel issued in 1973 by Alaska Coins Unlimited, claiming to be Alaska's Largest Dealer. The wooden nickel was good in trade for 35¢.

The firm was owned by Ron Robbins, and was in existence in 1973 and 1974. Not much is known about the firm other than it was located on International Airport Road, and very shortly went into receivership, with the stock of the store being auctioned off to meet the demands of creditors.



Randy Schultz founded Rare Coin Gallery of Alaska in 1975 after being discharged from the U.S. Army at Ft. Greely. Shop was set up at 704 W. 4th Ave. in Anchorage.

In 1976, the Patrick Mint of San Francisco started to promote their copper advertising tokens. They succeeded in obtaining orders for many coin dealers. It was at this time that RCGA's first token was issued. The 1976 token misspells Schultz as Schaltz.



In 1977, RCGA had expanded to Fairbanks, purchasing the shop then owned by George C. Rietzel, dba G & H Enterprises. Your editor ran the Fairbank store for RCGA. Two tokens by Patrick Mint were issued, one for each store. This time, Schultz is spelled correctly, and Hanscom is spelled incorrectly ("b" on the end).

RCGA sold its Fairbanks interests to Numismatic Services of Alaska, Inc. in November, 1977. Its operations

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The Stamp and Coin Cache,
Jack and Venus Lamb.

New store, 333
W. 4th Ave.,
Post Office Mall
Anchorage

in Anchorage cease shortly after the start of 1979. Bankruptcy was declared, and store stock was auctioned.



Numismatic Service of Alaska, Inc. has been operating a coin shop in Fairbanks since November, 1977. G&H Enterprises had a large stock of Alaskan tokens and medals. This stock passed through RCGA to NSA, Inc., and formed the basis of our original stock in this area.

Our first token list was issued about February, 1978 and the first Alaskan Token Collector and Polar Numismatist was released May, 1979.

Our first token was a 25¢ brass piece, 22.5mm in diameter. These were minted by Wendell's. A total of 500 pieces were minted. These were given to customers, and dropped on the streets of Fairbanks. Very few were redeemed.



Our 2nd token, a 42mm, gold on blue plastic piece is in current use. The obverse appears on page 1 of this issue. It is good for \$1 in trade.



Future issues? We are looking into a \$25 gift certificate token.

PRICES REALIZED

Kaye Dethridge, Mini-Auction:

Cape Edwards, 25¢ B-1C	75.00
Cordova, Cor. House B-13A	60.00
Ketch., Lotus B-26C	76.00
Port Alex., K.D. B-2ABC	66.00
Quinhagak, Jean B-1ABCD	266.20
Seward, Douglas B-8AII	82.50
Valdez, Pinzon B-14D	45.00

Dick Grinolds

Cordova, Horse. B-18A	50.00
Juneau, SF Bakery B58A	30.00
Nome, NP Bakery B-36B	62.50

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FNSB TRANSIT

The Fairbanks North Star Borough has changed its rate structure, and the price of the tokens.

The cost of most bus rides in the FNSB transit system have been reduced from two tokens to one token.

The cost of the tokens have gone up from \$3.50/10 to \$4.00/10 as is reflected by the paper rolls for the tokens illustrated below.



THE 83D RR SOU TOKENS
by Ron Benice.

Tokens issued by the 83d RRSOU NCO Association have been appearing in pirce lists and auctions as Alaskan since the early 1970's. There are 5c and 10c brass and a 25c aluminum tokens. They are never attributed to a specific place in Alaska nor are the initials in the unit name ever spelled out. Railroad and Rest and Recreation are the most common starting attempts with the RR part of the name. One version guarenteed the Alaska attribution as coming from a military officer who spent years tracing it.

The Tokens are not Alaskan.

According to records in the Army Center for Militray History in Washington D.C., the 83d Radio Research Special Operations Unit was an Army Security Agency unit that existed in Thailand from May 15, 1962 to June 30, 1971. The Historian for the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security command has informed me that "the 83d RR SOU spent its entire organizational existence in Southeast Asia and at no time did it have any connection with the Alaskan area or a unit in Alaska."

CARIBOU CARNIVAL DOLLAR, 1980

The 1980 Yellowknife, NWT, Caribou Carnival trade dollar will be available at \$1.25 postpaid in mid-March. Trade dollars issued for the Caribou Carnival for 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1979 are also available for \$1.25 postpaid. Suppiles of the 1974 trade dollars are being kept to be issued in complete, cased sets, 1974-1980 later this year.

The 1980 coin features the Canadian
(cont. next column)

CARIBOU CARNIVAL, cont.

Championship Dog Derby, and the Caribou Carnival, held in Yellowknife in late March of each year. This year the dates are March 27-30.

The 33 mm trade dollars are struck by the Sherritt Mint, Fort Sasketchewan, Alberta.

Orders may be sent to Mr. Doug McEwen, Secretary-Manager, Caribou Carnival, Box 580, Yellowknife, NWT, CANADA XOE 1H0.

The Address given in the January issue of ATC&PN is no longer valid.

- Jerry Remick

G.F. MAYHOOD, FAIRBANKS, AK.

Research has not turned up anything of use in trying to trace the issuer of this token, listed in the 12/79 issue of ATC&PN.

The only Mayhoods listed in Polks Alaska-Yukon Gazeteer are as follows:

1907-08;
Manley Mayhood, Carpenter, 4th Ave. between Cushman and Lacy.

1915-16;
Stanley Mayhood, Miner, Nordale Hotel.

Phone books of the 1940's and later are also of no help.

Any one having any information to share should contact ATC&PN. It will be of great interest to our subscribers.

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A TRIAL LISTING OF MODERN GAMBLING CHIPS OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



When there is a lot of money in a town, there is undoubtedly gambling. Fairbanks during the pipeline years definitely fits this description.

This listing of modern gambling chips is incomplete. Our sources know of other chips of the same types as those illustrated in this article, but of different color combinations. There are probably other types not recorded here. By publishing this list it is hoped that readers will contribute their knowledge of other chips. These items are ignored by most, but are tokens in the truest sense of the word.

All chips are of a hard fiber or plastic material. For security, they are made of 2 colors; one is the predominant colors, and 3 or 4 boarder insets of a different color. The coloring will be indicated as follows: Red/3 Pink. The predominant color would be Red, with 3 Pink boarder markings. Printing on all chips listed is gold.

The boarder of each side of the

chips also has a design pressed into it. They will be identified as follows:

- Type 1- Top hat and cane
- Type 2- Alternating diamond and rectangle
- Type 3- Square in circle

Unfortunately, denominations are generally unknown, since all but one chip lacks a value.

1) COLLEGE ALASKA/ HBS



A- Red/3Pink, boarder type-1

2) XXX (stylized)

- A-Green/3 Red, boarder type-2
- B-Yellow/3 Green, " "
- C-Red/3 Black, " "
- D-Blue/3 Yellow, " "

(continued on page 5)

EDITORIAL

We almost made it. We almost got back on schedule. "As you will notice tho, this is late again. We had 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages of this ready on April 1, and then nothing until now. So, this will go in the mail from Juneau on or about April 20th.

We will be in Juneau April 19 and 20 for the Gastineau Philatelic Society's annual show. Hope to meet many of our customers and friends from Southeastern.

We are again begging for contributions. Small items such as the submissions by Jerry Remick and Ron Benice in last month's issue are of great interest to our readers and help round out the scope of ATC&PN. Articles such as these and even shorter space fillers will be greatly appreciated.

Some may wonder why most new issues listed are from Fairbanks. Well, we are based in Fairbanks and do not get around the state very much. We rely on contributions to keep us informed. We heard that Juneau will issue a commemorative this year, but that is all the information that we have at present. At least we can get some information on this later in the month. But what about the other towns in Southeastern? or on the Kenai? and what about Kodiak? Alaska is very numismaticly active, and we are left in the dark.

Simply put, this publication is as good as you want it to be. If you do not contribute, why should any one else.

This is my way of warning you that after the next issue, we're out of articles. We will turn up the new issues and new discoveries, but the articles make this thing worth getting.

Unless articles are recieved, we will drop back to 3 pages with the June issue.

For an article planned for later in the year, we need rubbings, photos and descriptions of items related to the Antarctic. Have anything we can use? Full credit will be given to the owers.

Almost forgot- we still give a full 1 year subscription for any article used that runs 1 page in length.

FEEDBACK- MENDENHALL

Ron Benice reports that the only location with the name Mendenhall that was ever populated was in Mississippi.

We will inquire concerning this when we get to Juneau.

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ALASKA TOKENS by Ron Benice still available for only \$13.00

GAMBLING CHIP, cont.



3) SJ



A-Yellow/4 Orange, boarder ty-3
B-White/4 Brown, boarder type-3
C-Solid Orange, boarder type-3
reverse- 100 Credits. (illus-
trated page 1).

4) ALASKA RDK



A-Red/3 Blue, boarder type-1
B-White/3 Orange, " "

5) FAIRBANKS ALASKA - W

A-Blue/3 White, boarder type-3
B-Brown/3 White, " "
(B is illustrated on page 1)

6) FAIRBANKS ALASKA - R



A-Lt. Blue/3 White, boarder
type-3.

This concludes our listing of
modern gambling chips. Any ad-
ditions would be appreciated.

MAVERICKS:

The maverick shown below was dug up
in Dawson, Y.T. This is by no
means an attribution to Dawson.
Can any one tell us where it is
from? It is brass.



The two tokens below are shown
mainly because the 5¢ is the first
pentagonal token that we've seen!
May be military. Any info would
be appreciated. Both are aluminum.



Any information on the above should
be sent to ATC&PN.

HAY RIVER, NWT.

Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada issued trade dollars in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978. The dollars for 1976, 1977, and 1978 are available at \$1.25 each postpaid from: Hay River Chamber of Commerce Box 1278, Hay River, NWT, Canada.

The dollars for 1974 and 1975 are sold out.

Jerry Remick

NEW DISCOVERIES:



EIELSON AFB: NCO Open Mess, ANNEX 32mm, Yellow Aluminum. 50¢ in trade.

FAIRBANKS/SALCHAKET:

The piece of scrip illustrated below comes to us from Charles Kemp. It is interesting in that it was for use at two locations, one of which has a set of tokens that no one seems to know where they are at!

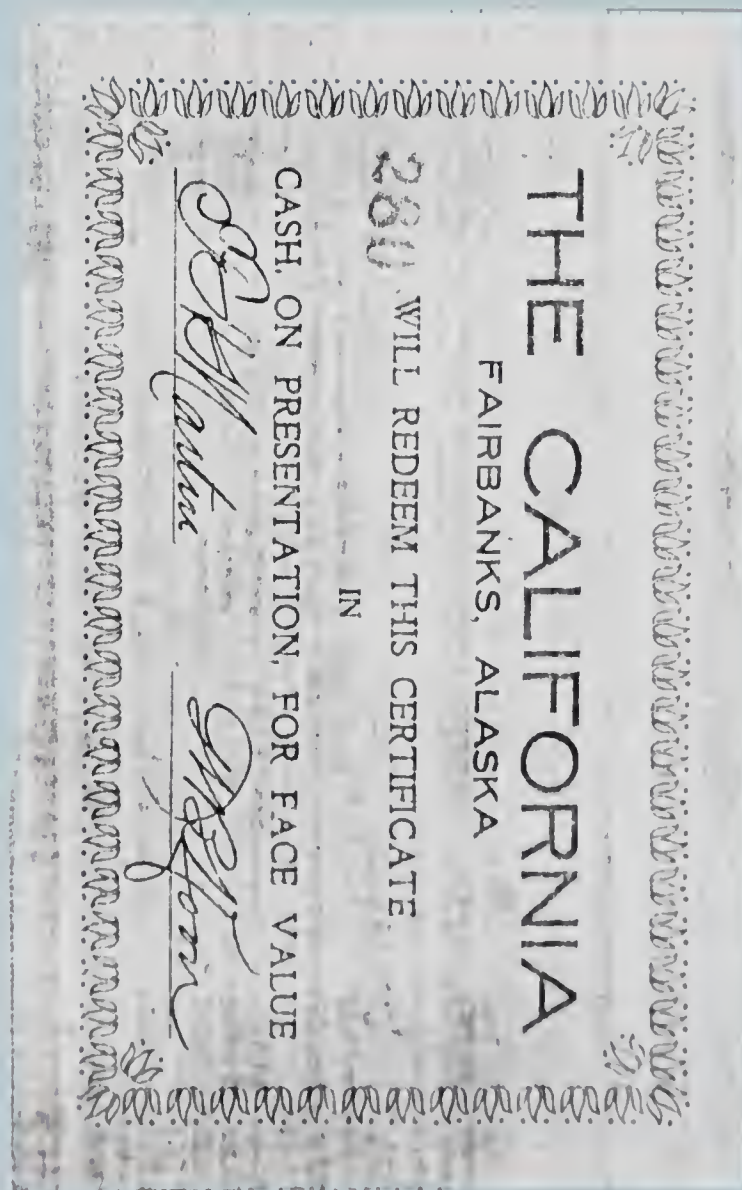
It was for use at the California in Fairbanks, and the Salchaket Trading Post.

YUKON VACATION PACKAGE

The Tourism Branch of the Yukon government has available, free of charge a Yukon Vacation Package.

Contained in the Package are a map of the Yukon; a booklet entitled "Yukon Canada's Great Escape"; another booklet entitled "The All About Yukon Book, 1980"; and a pamphlet on Dawson City.

This little package is a sure "fix" for any addict of the north. Write-Tourism Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse Yukon, Canada Y1A 2C6, and request Your Yukon Vacation Package.



NEW ISSUES:



ANCHORAGE: 45th Annual Fur Rendezvous, 1980. Honoring the Alaskan Artist. Bright bronze only this year, due to high cost of silver.



FAIRBANKS: Placer Miners of Alaska Inc., Est. 1976. This medal, struck in gold (1 oz., pure) and silver (approx. .55 oz. pure) commemorates the many placer mine gold strikes in Alaska, to numerous to mention, and to small on the rubbing to read!



FAIRBANKS: Busy Bee Laundry has issued and is using two different slug type tokens. Both in brass, one is 22mm, and the other is 25mm. The small is \$1.20 in value and good for a single load washer; the large is \$1.50, and good for a double load washer.

FAIRBANKS: Coin King Laundry has issued and is using a single brass token, 22.5mm in diameter. The

tokens are 65¢, and it takes two for one washer. (illustrated below)



FAIRBANKS: Two gift certificates have been issued by the Black Angus and the Tiki Cove Restaurants. Both are good for \$25 in trade, and 38mm in diameter. The Black Angus is struck in bronze and the Tiki Cove is in pewter. Both have an imitation nugget in yellow brass on the common obverse. Mintage on both is only 100 pieces each.

CONTRIBUTORS WANTED:

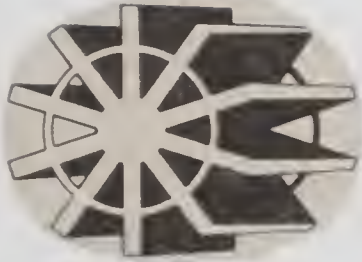
We are in need of articles for future issues of ATC & PN. We cannot offer much, except your name in print and a free years subscription for articles running 1 page or more. We have enough for one more 5 page issue, and if none come in it is back to 3!

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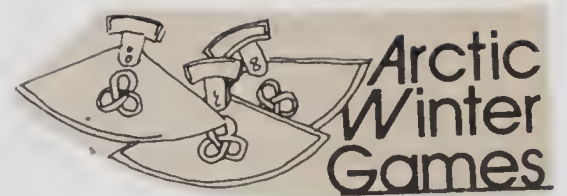
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THE ARCTIC WINTER GAMES



After the poor showing of the Yukon and Northwest Territories in the Jeux Canada Games in 1967, it was decided that they should be able to compete on an appropriate level so they could develop their skills. For this reason, and to develop a geographic identity, the Arctic Winter Games were incorporated in 1969. The Corporation included two representatives each from the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alaska. Since the first games were held in Yellowknife, NWT in 1970, they have evolved into a social and cultural event, as well as the intended sporting event.

While current participants are the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alaska, arctic Quebec had a team in the 1974 games in Anchorage, and the games were held at Schefferville, Quebec in 1976. Quebec dropped out after the 1976 games. Newfoundland/Labrador have also entered teams at various times. Observers have been sent from Finland, the U.S.S.R., and Greenland.

One of the major social events at the games is the "Pin Swap". The tradition originated with the mission staff and officials, as a means of getting the younger people

to mingle. We quote from "Ulu News" the official publication of the 1980 Arctic Winter Games:

"Trading was brisk as the traditional pin trading market opened today with the start of the Sixth Arctic Winter Games. Among Athletes, gainers outnumbered losers 1000 to 14, with strong demand for unusual items.

"Among futures there was little activity for the next Games scheduled for two years from now but veteran pin traders told the Ulu News that pin futures would pick up toward the end of the week.

Frantic activity in certain sectors resulted in minor punctures as athletes surged forward on the trading floor with offered pins stuck out in front.

"This daily market report is compiled by Hugh Conner and Pam Carson for the Ulu News but assumes no responsibility for accuracy, objectivity, or any relationship to fact."

Dick Larsen of Anchorage, pin trader extraordinaire informs us that there are about 40 official pins from the
(continued on page 3).

EDITORIAL

The show in Juneau held by the Gastineau Philatelic Society last month was a great success. Even more than that, it was very enjoyable.

All the token crazies were out from the Juneau area. Met some long time customers for the first time, and renewed some acquaintances. And we met some new folks that just didn't know we existed.

ATC&PN has recieved a reprieve. Lew Egnew has submitted a very interesting piece on a Yukon steamer! That will appear in next month's issue, which will run 5 pages.

Also while in Juneau, recieved a promise for an article on the replica "Tinnahs" that have been issued by the Haines-Port Chilkoot Chamber of Commerce. There are reportedly 3 different types.

This is our 1st anniversary issue! A year ago when we started this, had no idea that we would have nearly 100 paid subscribers (paid meaning paid cash or paid-contributing). Many are new subscribers so next January will tell if we are putting out a worth while product, by how many re-subscribe.

Have been asked why we do not have any advertising. Well, if this were meant to be a profit making venture, we would have advertising but we are happy to break even. This may not sound like a good business policy, but the purpose of this publication is to promote Alaskan tokens and medals. By promoting these items, which we happen to sell, our business should prosper.

Enough of my babbling. Hope you find our first anniversary issue enjoyable.

CANADA 1980 SILVER DOLLAR

Canada's .500 fine silver dollar issued for collectors will commemorate the centenary of the transfer of a major part of the Arctic territories from Great Britain to Canada.

The reverse of the coin will depict a polar bear on an ice floe. Only Greenland has also used the polar bear as the major design of a coin.



A \$100 gold coin is also planned to commemorate the same event. Design is to be an Eskimo in a kayak.

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES, cont.

Arctic Winter Games. Dick has amassed about 400 pins in trading at the games.

The 6th biennial Arctic Winter Games were held in Whitehorse, Yukon this past March. As expected, Alaska came away with the most gold Ulu and total Ulu. The Ulu, a traditional eskimo knife is the form that the awards medals take at the AWG. A table listing the breakdown of Ulu awarded is at the end of this article.

The major upset of the games was in the Senior Women's Basketball competition. Alaska had not lost a single basketball game in AWG competition, until this year. The Senior Women lost a game to both the Yukon and Northwest Territories and then lost a third, again to the Yukon to lose the gold medal.

The 1982 games will be held in Fairbanks, from March 14 to March 20. We are very much looking forward to having them in town.

Final Ulu Standings

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Alaska	64	44	35
Yukon	38	45	27
NWT	12	22	43

Total Ulu

Alaska	146
Yukon	110
Northwest Territories	77

Events of Arctic Winter Games

Cross Country Skiing	Judo
Snowshoe Biathlon	Hockey
Indoor Soccer	Wrestling
Figure Skating	Badminton
Snowshoeing	Volleyball
Arctic Sports	Basketball
Table Tennis	Gymnastics
Shooting	Curling
Cultural	

Number of Participants: Approx. 900



1974 AWG- Anchorage: Commemorative medal. 500 numbered sterling silver and unknown quantity of brass.



1976 AWG- Schefferville, Quebec: Commemorative medal, struck in nickel. Minted by the Alberta Mint, Edmonton.

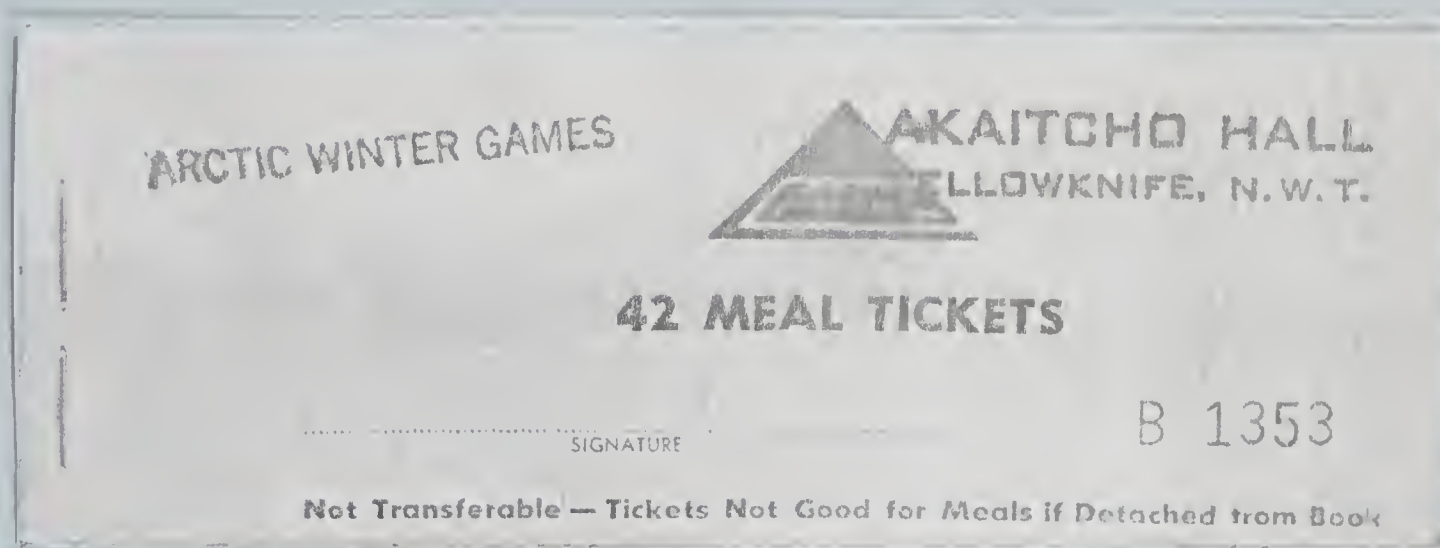


1978 AWG- Hay River, NWT: Trade dollar, struck in nickel.

Sites of the Arctic Winter Games

Yellowknife, NWT	1970
Whitehorse, Yukon	1972
Anchorage, Alaska	1974
Schefferville, Quebec	1976
Hay River/Pine Point, NWT	1978
Whitehorse, Yukon	1980
Fairbanks/North Pole, AK	1982

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES, 1970: MEAL TICKETS.



As noted in the article on the Arctic Winter Games, the Games of 1970 were held in Yellowknife, NWT.

We have recently acquired a book of meal tickets for use at these Games. It is illustrated above.

The cover of the book is a slate blue. As noted on the cover, it has tickets for 42 meals. At three meals per day, that is enough tickets for 2 weeks. In the triangular device on the cover is a word that is lined out. It appears to be EAMUS.

As illustrated above, the tickets were marked for use over a two week period. Those for use in the second week have the number "2" superimposed on the triangle.

Printed in black on the tickets is "Good For One Meal", "Void if Detached", the serial number and the meal the ticket is valid for. The day and the triangle are printed in a color very similar to the color of the ticket (see table below). Therefore, these have been outlined with black marker so they could be reproduced (not marked on the original).

The book is incomplete, with only the following remaining, with B, D, and/or S in brackets to indicate Breakfast, Dinner, or Supper: Sat. (BDS), Sun. (BDS), Mon. (BDS), Thur. (DS), Sat-2 (BDS), Sun-2 (BDS). Colors of the tickets are: Sat.-Peach; Sun.-Pink; Mon.-Orange; Tues.-White; Wed.-Green; Thurs.-Purple; Fri.-Yellow. Sat.-2 thru Fri.-2 same as above. Anyone have a complete book?

COIN CLUB NEWS

Note the changes for the summer months.

Fairbanks Coin Club meetings for June, July, and August will be the 1st Wednesday of each month. Meeting time is 8PM and the meetings are held in the Dawson Room above Nerlands, entrance on 4th Ave.

The Wooden Nickel Coin Club meets on Tuesdays at 7PM in the basement of Bldg. 2266, Eielson AFB. (WNCC usually closes down for the summer but we have not recieved word on this yet).

The Billiken Coin Club will hold its meeting for the months of May thru August on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Meeting time is 7PM and the meetings are held in the basement of the Elmendorf AFB Hospital.

The Ptarmigan Coin & Stamp Society meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the basement of the Pioneer School House, 3rd and Eagle, Anchorage, AK. Meeting time is at 7PM.

All Clubs feature a short business meeting, followed by an auction. Only members may submit lots for auction. Visitors are always welcome.

NEW DISCOVERIES:



DOUGLAS: R.R. Hubbard, Douglas, Alaska. Good for 5¢ in trade. 22mm. Metal not reported. (submitted by Ray Hansfield).



KETCHIKAN: Log Cabin Bakery, Ketchikan, Alaska. Good for 1 Large Loaf Bread. 26mm. Metal not reported. (submitted by Nick Nickell).



TESLIN, Y.T.: (Teslin Community Club) (good for 1) BEER. Gray plastic, 38mm. Uniface.

The drink token previously reported by Simpson and Hill in "Yukon Trade Tokens" is illustrated, above, with the new "BEER" token.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM N.S.A., INC.

"Alaska's Coinage Through the Years" by Gould and Bressett. 1960. First book on Alaskan tokens \$9.00

"Alaska Tokens", by Ron Benice, 1979. New standard reference. Regular price- \$15 NSA Special--- \$13.00

"Medals Tokens and Paper Money of the Hudson's Bay Company", by Larry Gingras, 1975. Standard reference in stock again \$7.50

"Yukon Trade Tokens" by Simpson and Hill, 1979. Standard reference in stock again, price reduced \$3.75

Postage on above, \$1 per order.

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A NEW YUKON RIVER

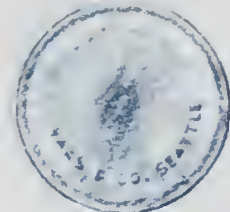
TOKEN DISCOVERY

by

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Recently, a new book appeared on the market titled "Klondike Lost"- "A Decade of Photographs by Kinsey & Kinsey" by Norm Bolotin and published by Alaska Northwest Publishing Company.

Books of this nature are invaluable aids to research for anyone with an interest in the Alaskan and Yukon Territory areas. This particular book was no exception. Within two minutes, I had found identification of a former "maverick" token in my collection.

The obverse of the token has only the words "Gov. Pingree" in two lines. The reverse bears the familiar "Vaas & Co. Seattle" signature as the manufacturer of the token. No denomination is given. The size of the token is 21mm, and the token is made of brass.

The name Pingree made me feel that this token belonged to Pingree, Idaho, since many Idaho tokens are made in Washington state stamping works. However, no research was able to provide a clue to "Gov." either as a hotel or saloon named Governor.

On page 11 of the book mentioned

was a large photo of a paddle wheel steamer. On the aft end the name "Gov. Pingree" sharp and clear was visible.

The caption under the photo reads as follows- "All routes to the Klondike followed the Yukon River: it was the highway to Dawson and the gold fields. The Gov. Pingree, shown here at Steamboat Slough, also operated as the Bonanza King, and was owned at various times by the Yukon Flyer Transportation Company and by the Boston and Alaska Transportation Company."

Now this token without denomination could be either a passenger transportation token, a meal check, or a token good for a drink at the bar.

(Ed. note: Lew is always willing to share his information with us. So, please, anyone with further information on the Gov. Pingree token or steamer, contact Mr. Egnew at the above address).

A review of this book, "Klondike Lost" is on page 3 of this issue.

Permission has been given to Mr. Egnew to use the above information.

EDITORIAL

We are fortunate this month to have a short article by Mr. Lewis L. Egnew. Lew is always on the lookout for information to identify maverick tokens, and he hit the jackpot on this one. We now have another riverboat token for Alaska and the Yukon.

Our book review this month (the first in several months) is non-numismatic. But Mr. Egnew has proven the value of this book, and books like it. Therefore, we find ourselves reviewing a book on Grand Forks, Y.T., home of Brown's Cigar Store (see ATC&PN, Volume I, Numbers 2 and 3).

This issue, we are cleaning out our file of miscellaneous items we have been meaning to run for months. Items range from Greenland to the Falkland Islands. While not of interest to all, they will be of interest to some of our readers. We trust that there will be enough on Alaska and the Yukon to satisfy the majority of our readers.

This issue should be on time. The reason being that we had an article submitted that was ready to go. We did not have to do the article, which is time consuming, and time has been hard to come by.

We always need articles, and would much rather have articles on the older items, than on new items.

New in this issue is For The Record. Unfortunately, the name is not original. This feature will combine the features of New Discoveries and New Issues. In the past, we have had some items that were neither new discoveries or recent issues. These were illustrated to make them known. For The Record will be used to record the existence of items from the Polar regions that are not in the current references.

BOOK REVIEW

KLONDIKE LOST; A Decade of Photographs by Kinsey & Kinsey, by Norm Bolotin. Alaska Northwest Publishing Co., 1980.

Grand Forks, or Bonanza, Y.T. was a booming gold rush town. Norm Bolotin, with an assist from the photographs of Clarence and Clarke Kinsey, covers the history of this town from its founding, unofficially of course, to the decline of the gold rush.

It is a short biography of Belinda Mulrooney, credited with the founding of Grand Forks. Miss Mulrooney made her fortune, married a French Count (?) and then lost her fortune.

The book covers all aspects of life during the Klondike gold rush, from a child's life, to the life of a prostitute. Transportation by rail and stage are covered, along with the northern tradition of the roadhouse.

This book is an excellent examination into the facts that make a town a ghost town. It is valuable in the respect that Grand Forks will not be forgotten.

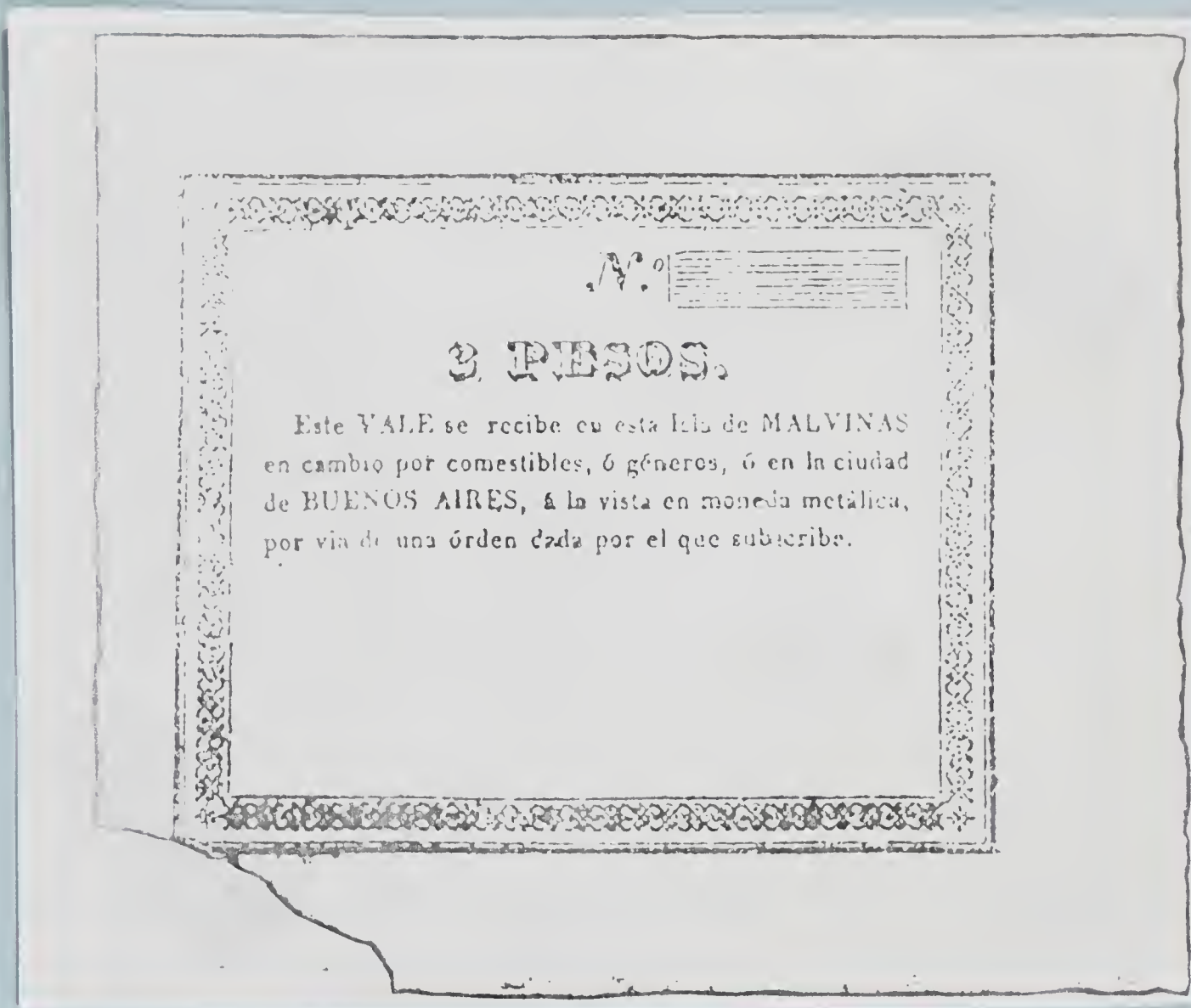
Unfortunately, from a token standpoint, in all the photos, we can not find Brown's Cigar Store.

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The note illustrated above is from the Falkland Islands, issued by the Republic of Buenos Aires (Argentina) prior to the Falkland Islands becoming a British Colony.

All notes of the Argentine colony in the Falkland Islands are rare, and this denomination of 2 Pesos was previously unknown.

The note, obtained by Southeastern Currency this past winter is undated and unsigned, and without serial number. The note grades extremely fine, with the lower left corner missing.

The legend translates: "2 Pesos. the VALUE that was recieved in the Isle of Malvinas in trade for comestibles, in general, or in the city of Buenos Aires, pay to the bearer on sight in metal money

by order of the subscriber."

According to Jerry Remick, the Spanish abandoned their settlement in 1811, and the Argentines established settlements in the 1820's. Bank notes were issued (like the one above) in 1829. In 1832 and 1833, a British Expedition forcibly removed the Argentines and established British settlements.

The Falkland Islands issued their first coinage in 1974, and recently issued 5 and 10 pound silver crowns in connection with the Wildlife Conservation series.

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FAIRBANKS COIN CLUB PIONEER MEDAL

This year's annual Pioneer Medal issued by the Fairbanks Coin Club will honor Judge James Wickersham.

KNUD RASMUSSEN

Last winter, a set of medals was issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Knud Rasmussen, the famous Danish Arctic explorer.

The medals were engraved by Frode Bahnsen, of the Royal Danish Mint. The first medal depicts Rasmussen on the obverse, while the reverse shows an igloo scene, with native art. The second medal shows Rasmussen on a sledge trip on the obverse. The longest dog sledge trip was by Rasmussen between March 11, 1923 and May 23, 1924. The journey took him from Danish Island to Point Barrow. The reverse of this medal shows the trading station at Thule, Greenland, established in 1910 by Rasmussen.

The sets in silver and bronze were available for \$150 and \$65 respectively. The medals are 45mm in diameter.

The gold set was available for \$1335. The gold was .750 fine, and the medals were 34 grams, 33 mm in diameter.

Mintage for the bronze and silver sets was 1000, while mintage was set at a maximum of 100 sets for the gold.

More information can be obtained from Farinex, DK-2920, Charlottenlund, Denmark.



THE ARCTIC WINTER GAMES; Some notes, by Leslie C. Hill

The regular award medals are the shape of an Eskimo scrapping tool (ulu) and are made of bronze, with the 1st place awards being gold-plated and the 2nd place awards being silver plated. This is illustrated below.



The 1974 Games were held in Anchorage. In addition to the set of silver and brass medals noted in the last issue of ATC&PW, another medallic souvenirs was produced. It is made of fairly light bronze and is 39mm with a fine suspension hole at the top, likely for a key chain attachment (Ed. note- or for an award to the members of the contingent from the NWT?). This item was produced in Vancouver.



Finally, the only collectible available to the collector from this year's AWG in Whitehorse is a small pinback.



COIN CLUB NEWS

The following are schedules for the summer months.

Fairbanks Coin Club meets the 1st Wednesday of the month. Meeting time is 8PM and the meetings are held in the Dawson Room above Nerland's, entrance on 4th Ave.

The Wooden Nickel Coin Club meets on Tuesdays at 7PM in the basement of Bldg. 2266, Eielson AFB. (WNCC usually closes down for the summer but we have not been advised yet).

The Billiken Coin Club will hold its meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month. Meeting time is 7PM and the meetings are held in the basement of the Elmendorf AFB Hospital.

The Ptarmigan Coin & Stamp Society meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the basement of the Pioneer School House, 3rd and Eagle, Anchorage, AK. Meeting time is at 7PM.

All clubs feature a short business meeting, followed by an auction. Only members may submit lots for auction. Visitors are always welcome.

FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): Pioneer Club, one Drink White on Black plastic, 29mm. Pioneer Club is on 4th Ave.

PIONEER WELL

1 BOTTLE WATER

PAUL LAPLANT

(FAIRBANKS): Pioneer Well, 1 Bottle Water, Paul LaPlant. Black on pink cardboard, 60mm x 32mm.



FAIRBANKS: Arctic Pancake House, \$1 in trade. Available for \$1 and SASE from address on token. Blk on white plastic.



HAINES: Helen's Shop, \$1 in trade. Available from address on wood for \$1 and SASE. Red ink on wood.



KODIAK: NOB, Milk Token. Octagonal 23mm. Aluminum.



ALASKA LIBERTARIAN PARTY: LIBERTARIAN, A New Dawn for Alaska. Pin-back, gold, blue and white.

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HAINES-PORT CHILKOOT TINNAHS by KARL WARD

The Tlinget people used copper tinnahs as a sign of wealth. They were made from native copper generally obtained through trade with the Indians from the Copper Valley region of Alaska. The Tlinget leaders would sometimes break-up a tinnah at a ceremonial potlatch and give out the pieces to those present. At a later date, the leader would attempt to regain the pieces and the reconstructed tinnah would increase in value. On occasion, the tinnah would be thrown into the sea as a sign of disdain for its value, or as a show of great wealth. Tinnahs varied in size and design. Some were large pieces measuring up to 30" high and 18" across.

The first issue of the Haines-Port Chilkoot "tinnah" was in 1959. These early pieces were hand cut from a pattern and stamped out by hand. They measure 38mm by 45mm, the design was that of a totemic bear. A hole was drilled at the top in order to attach the tinnah to a printed card. These first tinnahs can be listed as Type Ia.

The following year the same hand process was used. However, many pieces were made to look old by dipping the piece in a solution of liver of sulphur. This gave the piece a brownish-black appearance. This type can be listed as Type Ib.

In 1964, a new tinnah was produced professionally by a company in Indiana. This one measures 37mm by 50mm. A different bear design was used which was less totemic in appearance. They are the most common and the ones that can still be located. This can be identified as Type II.

All three tinnahs were issued attached to cards. There were three different cards used over the years.

The original card measured 3 1/8" by 5 7/16", and was buff with blue printing. All three of the above mentioned tinnahs were attached to these original cards at different times. We call this card the Type I card. The type Ia and Type Ib tinnahs were attached with a staple. The Type II was glued to the card.

The second card used measured 3" by 3 5/8", and was blue with black printing. The Type II tinnah was slipped into a cut on this card. We can list this card as a Type II card. They were used in 1965.

In 1966, a new blue card measuring 2 1/8" by 3 11/16" came into use. This card included the statement, "This tinnah, with card attached, redeemable for 50 cents in trade at any Haines store displaying a tinnah sign". We call this one the Type IIIa. During the Alaska Centennial Year, some of the cards

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EDITORIAL

Well, here it is, our unofficial Haines, AK issue, or so it seems. We are indebted to Karl Ward of Haines for his contributions. His article on the tinnah souvenirs, a short article on the newly issued Haines C of C trade dollar, and his own contribution to Haines' Centennial. Thanks, Karl, even if this issue is over due.

Speaking of which, we are over due due to the lazy days of summer. Have been fairly busy, but have just failed to get this out. It all worked out for the best, I think, since Karl's short on the trade dollar came in in the last week or so.

Some may be wondering when we will issue another fixed price list. Hopefully, it will be soon. This past April, we purchased a fine collection. Many items have been sold to our local customers, but many more remain. We are looking at a 12 page list, if my guess is correct, with more older tokens than I think we have listed before. Sorry, no rarities (even before local sales).

A word of warning to collectors. Beware the vinyl flip. This collection had many nice silver medals stored in the flips. Well, they were nice at one time. These had been in the flips for maybe 10-13 years, and the flips had started to deteriorate, leaving an oily substance on the medals. Many were salvaged by use of a solvent but will never be the same.

Well, that about does it. Will try to get this in the mail before Aug. 1st (yes, I know this is the July issue). Hopefully, August will be in the mail by the middle of the month.

Book Review

THE 1980 CHARLETON CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR GUIDE, 1st edition by Serge Pelletier. May, 1980.

The 254 page volume is pocket book size (4½" by 6¼") and bound with a stiff paper cover.

Some 450 type Canadian trade dollars issued by 168 municipalities since 1960 are catalogued alphabetically by province. An actual size photo is given for most type dollars as well as descriptions of both sides, the diameter, edge type, metallic composition, weight, mintage, valuation, and the mint that struck the issue. Where several metallic compositions exist for a type of trade dollar, as for example nickel, gold, and silver, each metallic type is listed separately with its mintage and valuation.

An address list of 118 municipalities having specimens of their trade dollars still available for sale to collectors is included at the end of the volume, as well as a check list of the trade dollars according to province.

The book is published by the Charlton Press, 299 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5V 1Z9. Copies are available for \$7.95 plus 50¢ postage and handling.

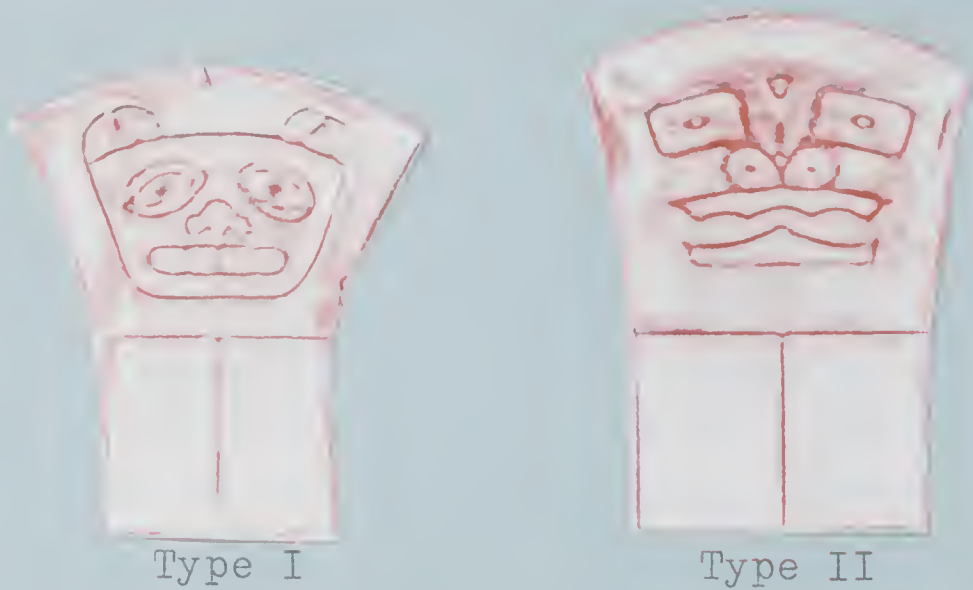
Charlton Press plans to publish the Guidebook annually. The guidebook is bound to increase interest in collecting Canadian trade dollars. From 80 to 90 trade dollars have been issued annually for the past few years and so there is plenty of new material available at prices nearly all collectors can afford (generally \$1.25 per dollar for mail orders.).

Trade dollars of Y.T. and NWT are listed -
Jerry Resnick

"TINNAHS" continued from page 1

(Type IIIa) had the Centennial Seal pasted on them. This made them a Type IIIb card.

Thus, we have three different types of tinnahs and four different types of cards. The following chart lists the date of issue, the type of tinnah, and the type of card used.



Type I

Type II

TINNAHS

1959	(hand made)	Type Ia
1960	"	(dipped) Type Ib
1964	Professionally made	Type II
1965	"	
1966	"	
1967	"	

CARDS

Buff with blue printing	Type I
"	"
"	"
Slip-in blue card	Type II
Glued-on blue card	Type IIIa
(with Centennial Seal)	Type IIIb

A "COPPER" or "TINAH", the Money Piece of the Tlinget (Klinket) Indians of Southeastern Alaska

Type I

- ◆ The *TINNAH* or Copper was the ancient money-piece of the Tlinget Indian of Southeast Alaska, the value of each *tinnah* depending on its history.
- ◆ May this *tinnah* symbolize wealth in your pocket, and bring pleasant memories of Haines & Port Chilkoot, Alaska.

*Haines-Port Chilkoot
Chamber of Commerce*

This *tinnah*, with card attached, redeemable for 50 cents in trade at any Haines store displaying a *tinnah* sign.

Type IIIa

The "coppers" were an item of great value among the Northwest tribes and were made of nugget copper. Before the white man came, this metal was obtained from the Chilkat Indians for trading. The Chilkat Indians, who were of the Tlingets, valued the "coppers" very highly, and showed stature by showing disdain for such a thing, or by killing a slave with the copper, or by breaking it in half or throwing it in the sea.

These "coppers" are made by members of the famous Chilkat Dancers of Alaska. They are a non-profit vocational center where it is maintaining Alaska Indian art and culture of the Chilkat, Alaska.

Type II

The Tinah or copper was the Tlinget Indian money piece. Some were 30" in size. One famous Tinah was sold for 10,000 blankets.

HAINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1980 TRADE DOLLAR

While Rev. Sheldon Jackson was making a canoe voyage to Ft. Simpson and Metlakatla in early 1879, he traveled with a party of Chilkats. He made a promise to begin a school and establish a Presbyterian mission station for them.

In November of 1879, Rev. S. Hall Young and John Muir visited the Chilkats. Rev. Young was commissioned by Rev. Jackson to talk to the Chilkats and decide the best location to establish the planned mission station. In July, 1880, the Northwest Trading Co. established a trading post on land that eventually became part of the original townsite of Haines. The trader's wife became the first teacher to the Chilkats, having served the Presbyterians in Wrangell prior to coming to Chilkat country with her husband.



The obverse of the new trade dollar depicts the first meeting of Sheldon Jackson with the Chilkats. The Reverse shows the Northwest Trading Company's post at Haines.

The trade dollar was designed by Carl W. Heinmiller, and they were minted by Debco Manufacturing Co., Pasadena, CA. Thus far, 4000 have been ordered or issued. They are made of oxidized bronze and measure 34mm. They first went on sale in Haines on July 9, 1980.

The trade dollar can be obtained from the Haines Chamber of Commerce, Box 271, Haines, AK 99827 for \$1.25 each, plus SASE for each \$ ordered.

FOR THE RECORD



MAVERICK: Alaska Cafe, Good for one beer. Cardboard, blue on cream (or dirty white).



ANCHORAGE: McLaughlin Youth Center, 1547. Use unknown. White on Green plastic. M.Y.C. is a prison for youths.



FAIRBANKS: The Lens Unlimited. 1980 Photo Dollar, good for \$1 in trade. Gold on Black plastic.



FOR THE RECORD, continued.

HAINES: (illus. bottom of page 4), Ward Consultation and Research Services. Haines Centennial. Available from Karl Ward, Pox 14, Haines AK 99327 for 25¢ and SASE. Wooden nickel, green printing.



NENANA: Tripod Gift Shop, Good for 5¢ in trade. Wooden nickel, black printing.



PETERSBURG: OK's Place. 5¢ and 10¢ tokens. Cardboard. The 5¢ is blue, and the 10¢ is yellow. Article next week. Submitted by Henry C. Keene, Jr., Ketchikan.



TOK: Young's Husky Lounge, Good for one drink. Wooden nickel, black printing.

FAIRBANKS COIN CLUB ISSUES 1980 MEDALS.

The Fairbanks Coin Club has released their 1980 medals to continue the annual Alaskan Pioneer Series.

This year, Judge James Wickersham is honored (illustrated below).



Only bronze medals are available at present. The silver and bronze sets will be available later in the year.

Cost of the bronze medals from the Club is \$4.50 plus \$1 for postage. Orders can be sent to the Fairbanks Coin Club, c/o P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

"GOLD MAGAZINE"

Krause Publications has recently obtained "Gold Magazine", and are currently offering back issues.

Issues that will be of interest are as follows:

Spring 1972- Guide to Klondyke, 1897.

Summer 1974-To Dawson via Mackenaie River.

Fall 1974- Kitty Hensley Treasure Map (Fbks.)

Winter 1975-U of A, Gold Panning

Spring 1976-Placer Mining,

Kantishna, AK

Summer 1976-Gold Shipment mailing tag from Fairbanks.

If you want these back issues, contact K.P., Iola, Wisconsin 54945.

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TOKENS FROM "OK'S PLACE"
in Petersburg
by
Henry C. Keene, Jr.



PETERSBURG PRESS, PETERSBURG, ALASKA FEBRUARY 22, 1935

BETTER
'SUDS'



OK's Place

HIGH QUALITY BEER, PLUS CAREFUL
CARE, GIVES YOU

The Best

Our dispensing eqils are carefully washed with
Soda and water every day.

During the past spring, a small hoard of tokens marked "OK's Place" turned up. It was reported that they had been given to one of the bar tenders when the place of that name in Petersburg, Alaska, had gone out of the hands of the founder, one Ole K. Lien.

The Petersburg Press provided the first solid substantiation for these tokens. One ad in the paper (illustrated to the left) on Feb. 22, 1935 stated: "Better SUDS OK's Place. High Quality Beer plus Careful Care Gives You the Best".

The tokens having been removed from the status of mavericks, further research revealed that Ole K. Lien was a bachelor who came to Petersburg from his native Norway. He opened "OK's Place" using his first two initials for the name in 1934, shortly after the end of Prohibition in December of 1933.
(continued on page 3)

EDITORIAL

Read and reread last month's editorial, and came to the conclusion that Karl Kard was the reason that it was late in getting in the mail. SORRY, KARL. The BLAME is entirely with your EDITOR. Karl's article was here in plenty of time, and the only benefit of our putting it out late was the fact that Karl sent in an additional article on the trade dollars, that, if we were on time, would have been run in this month's issue.

Actually, I can't except all the blame as this typewriter does not know how to translate what I really want to say!

This month, as promised, we have an article by Mr. Henry C. Keene, Jr. on the Petersburg tokens mentioned last month. Henry did a fine job on short notice (4 days), and we benefit with another touch of Alaskan history.

As usual, we are in need of contributions again. We have one more lead article, and then you have to listen to my drivel. So how about it. Surely you have a token that could entertain us for about a page. The token need not be unlisted. Just even one out of the new Benice book, and give us the history behind it. It will get you a year's subscription.

And finally, you may notice that our "masthead" is a bit ratty this month. Well, we ran out of masters for the front page and had to color it in. How about putting your artistic talents to work and earn yourself a year's subscription. All those who submit artwork that is used will receive a year's subscription. Please be sure that it is very dark so that we can copy it, and then copy it again.

Well, on with the show.

BOOK REVIEW

SUPPLEMENT FOR CANADIAN WOODEN MONEY- TOKENS AND SOUVENIRS, by Norman E. Wells. May, 1980.

This supplement will not be sold separately. It was mailed to those who had already purchased the 2nd edition of the main catalogue "CANADIAN WOODEN MONEY--TOKENS AND SOUVENIRS" published in June, 1979. Some 1200 issues of woods are covered in this 368 page second edition, most of which are illustrated. The 2nd edition is limited to 150 copies of which about 20 remain at \$20.00 each. Those who purchased the 2nd edition and who have not received the "Supplement No. 1" may obtain their copy at \$3.50.

The 52 page supplement is printed on 8½" by 11" pages and bound loose-leaf style, with cover.

Somewhat over 100 additional woods are listed in the supplement; 66 new issues and 36 oldies, as well as additional information and corrections to the 2nd edition. The supplement is profusely illustrated with virtually every piece listed being shown.

I highly recommend the 2nd edition of Norman Wells work "Canadian Wooden Money--Tokens and Souvenirs" and the "Supplement no. 1" to all interested in widening their numismatic background. The many illustrations and text explain the Canadian wooden money scene very well. Norman Wells is to be congratulated on such a fine work, which is truly a labor of love.

One wood from Labrador, 1 from Newfoundland, and 2 for NWT are in the main catalogue and 1 for NWT in the Supplement.

Available from Norman Wells, Box 943
Peterborough, ONT, Canada K9J 7A5.

-Jerry Remick

"OK's Place", continued.

A former employee stated that it was right across from the old (Petersburg) hotel. She had worked for him when he needed extra help such as on the 4th of July when they would take in over \$400 selling beer at 10 cents a glass.

The tokens were never very popular but were introduced as an advertising gimmick as well as for the gaming tables. There were a few card tables set up in a sort of ladies room, but the most popular table was at the end of the bar.

The pinochle table was busy all of the time, and the "pan" game was also popular. The tokens are cardboard and of two varieties; a blue 5¢ and a yellow 10¢. "OK's Place" also sponsored a basketball team.

OLE K. LIEN died in Petersburg, Alaska in September 1965, at the age of 81. Memories, one old basketball shirt and these tokens are all that remain.

(ed. note: Mr. Keene has a couple of sets available for trade. Readers may contact him at 413 Madison St., Ketchikan, AK 99901).

FEEDBACK- R.R. HUBBARD

From Ron Benice, we get the following information:

Robert R. Hubbard operated a newsstand with cigars, candy and stationery from 1903 to 1917. He served for a while as postmaster, city clerk, and magistrate. His business was on front street.

Thanks, Ron.

We are always in need of space fillers, so if you have a bit of information, please keep us in mind.

ICELAND ISSUES PROOF SET

Iceland has issued a proof set of its coins, from 1 eyrir to 50 Kronur. These coins are to be demonetized with the issue of new coins next year.

Unlike most proof sets, the dates on the coins vary. Most of the lower denominations have been out of use for some years, due to inflation. The dates reflect the last general issue for circulation, and are as follows:

1 Eyrir	1966
5 Aurar	1966 (Aurar is plural for Eyrir)
10 Aurar	1974
25 Aurar	1967
50 Aurar	1974
1 Krona	1975 (nickel-brass)
1 Krona	1980 (Aluminum)
2 Kronur	1966
5 Kronur	1980
10 Kronur	1980
50 Kronur	1980

The coins are frosted proofs, struck by the British Royal Mint. The coins are very attractive.

The Sets can be ordered from:
The Chief Cashier
Central Bank of Iceland
P.O. Box 160
121 Reykjavik
ICELAND

Price of the set is \$40.00, which includes registered sea mail.

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HAY RIVER, NWT TRADE DOLLARS

There is some confusion how to list the 5 type trade dollars issued in 5 consecutive years by Hay River, NWT. The easiest way is to list them by the expiry year on the obverse as they do not contain an issue year on their reverse. The following table will explain the dates that appear on each year's issue.

Obverse	Reverse
Valid till 1 May 1974	1973
" " 1 May 1975	1871-1974
" " 1 May 1976	
" " 1 May 1977	
" " 1 May 1978	

The 1974 and 1975 dollars are very difficult to find. As of mid-May, Hay River sold its last 1976 dollar. Their 1977 and 1978 dollars are still available at \$1.50 each, postpaid. Orders may be sent to Hay River Chamber of Commerce, Box 1278, Hay River, NWT, Canada, Attention Karen Weber, secretary.

-Jerry Remick

BARCLAY LOUNGE- A KETCHIKAN (?) MAVERICK

Ron Benice in his "Alaska Tokens" list Bert Barclay as engaging in various businesses involving tobacco, beer, pool and billiards during the period 1930 through 1946. He also put out tokens for the Pioneer (#35.a and b) and Rainbow Cigar Store (#42). Old timers are well aware of his activities and his tokens but have not yet been able to help me out on this one establishment.

I would appreciate any information on this latter token (see FOR THE RECORD), which is made of brass and is square.

Henry C. Keene, Jr.

FREE POSTERS OFFERED

Full color 21 inch reproductions of the Prince William Sound are available free of charge from the Chugach National Forest office.

The Poster is an aerial view that shows some of the area's vivid scenery. Deep purple waters in the foreground flow past a green forest, and form aqua blue lakes. Snow capped peaks rise above the treeline.

To obtain a free poster, write:
Chugach National Forest
2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Suite 230
Anchorage, AK 99504

"A FLAG FLIES OVER FORT EGBERT AGAIN"

From the Daily News-Miner we have learned that the U.S. flag was raised over Ft. Egbert, in Eagle, Alaska once again.

Ft. Egbert was established in 1899 to maintain law and order, and to build a telegraph system to link the upper Yukon to Nome and Valdez.

With the invention of the wireless telegraph, the old lines became obsolete. Decline in mining activity also lead to the the decommissioning of the Fort.

Commenting on the ceremony, "Visitors strolled through the dusty streets lined with buildings that seem little changed from the days of Ft. Egbert, except nearly every building holds a sign to protest the national monuments President Carter created under the Antiquities Act two years ago." Senator Ted Stevens told the crowd gathered for the ceremony that this type of restoration is what the Antiquities Act was intended for.

FOR THE RECORD

**49er
CLUB**

6 Mile Richardson Hwy.
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

THIS COUPON IS WORTH
50c

Nº 2383

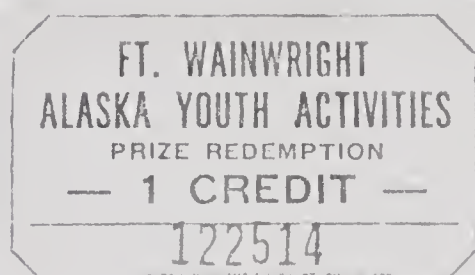
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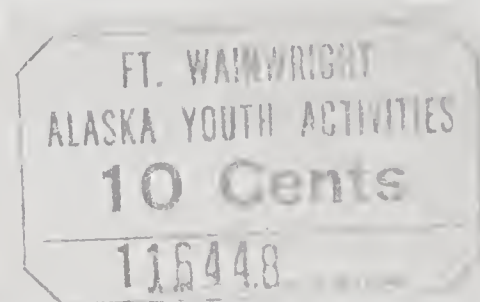
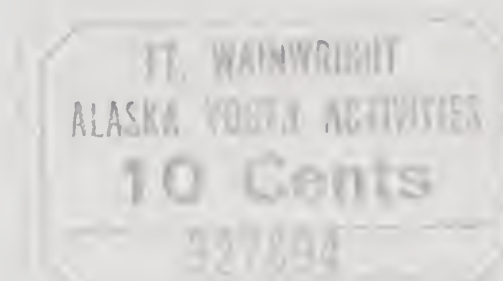
49er CLUB

6 Mile Richardson Hwy.
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

FAIRBANKS: 49er Club, set of 2,
attached coupons. One for 50¢ and
the other for 25¢ Cream colored
cardboard.



FT. WAINWRIGHT: Alaska Youth Ac-
tivities. Set of 3, ticket like
coupons. There are two 10¢ coupons
in light red and light green, and
a yellow 1 credit, prize redemption.
The 1 credit is above, others at
the top of the next column.



KETCHIKAN: Pioneer Bar, red, 10¢
poker chip type. Used for pan and
poker. (submitted by Dale Dexter)



MAVERICK: Ketchikan(?), Barclay
Lounge. 5¢ in drinks, brass. See
short article on page 4 this issue.

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SOME NOTES ON THE N.W.C. CO. TOKENS

by Lewis L. Egnew



In the fall of 1958 I retired to Port Townsend and bought a house overlooking the bay, formerly occupied by a Mr. Thomas W. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell had been with the Fisheries Service in Alaska, and in the basement was his old trunk filled with photos, books, old steamer timetables, etc., and a small pouch of tokens, all from Alaska.

I purchased the contents of the trunk including the tokens, which I was told were from the canneries at Chignik and Nushagak. The tokens were not of interest to be, but the photos were, so, for a number of years the tokens remained in the basement.

Coin Collecting had been a hobby since 1930 and in 1971 I became interested in collecting tokens of Washington and Alaska. Soon after starting, Tom Wall told me of the book "Doubles to Statehood" by Kay Fernald and Kay McDowell. On page 111 of this book I saw the N.W.C. Co. token pictured, which reminded me of my bag of tokens.

A search through this bag brought to light not one type, but 5 different varieties of the N.W.C. Co. tokens. Mrs. Campbell told me her husband brought these back to the cannery home office in Seattle in 1915. The canneries were pictured

in the group of "panoramic" style photos in the trunk, and the date appears on some of these photos. Since the original negatives were also in the trunk, I had a few sets of these pictures made, which were traded along with the tokens to several collectors.

Now these tokens do show up in hoards in the northwest area, from Seattle, Aberdeen, and elsewhere. Some have been attributed to the Northwest Candy Co. of Bellingham, and others have thought Seattle was the source. But my inquiries of these candy companies met a blank wall. No one now at the companies had any knowledge of these particular tokens.

Mr. Campbell had passed away, but Mrs. Campbell believed the tokens were used on a "piece work" payment basis. I have never been in a cannery and do not know the many operations, so have no idea how they were used. Perhaps some operation of the work was paid at the rate of 5c per fish? Thus, those who did the most work received appropriate pay? This is only speculation on my part.

Why one bag of tokens did not get turned in is also unknown. There were no other types of tokens in the pouch.

Buying them in (continued on page 3)

EDITORIAL

As you know this is late once again. It was a combination of lazy, and hoping that something else of interest would show up.

Realistically, this is a 3 page issue. We did not have the information available to us that has been available in previous issues. Lew Egnew came through again, but what about the rest of you? If this keeps up, I'll have to discontinue, or cut back on the frequency. If this does happen, those who have "paid" with contributions will get a refund, but this won't begin to pay for their efforts.

One "natural" is an article on the Northwest Candy Co. tokens, and why we should consider the N.W.C. Co. tokens from this establishment. Surely someone has some information that would be of interest.

Any artists out there? We need a new mast-head. The one on this issue is real faint.

The annual METCA convention is set for some time in October, at latest report. Don't know exact date yet, but we are planning on being there again, and hope to see all of those we met last year, and to meet more of our readers.

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BOOK REVIEW

CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR CHECK-LIST,
Compiled by Serge Pelletier, July,
1980. 24 pages.

This 24 page, pocket-sized volume was released at the July 1980 Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Montreal. All known die varieties and mint markings are listed. This list updates that in Mr. Pelletier's "Guidebook of Canadian Trade Dollars," released Sept. of 1979. Listings are alphabetical by municipality.

The booklet is 5½" by 7½" and is bound with a stiff yellow paper cover.

The Checklist is available from John Cheramy, Box 5214, Station B, Victoria, BC, CANADA V8R 6N4.

-Jerry Remick

FEEDBACK- ALASKA CAFE

I would attribute the Alaska Cafe token to Hyder, Alaska. It was in business from 1937 to 1941 and was owned by Dorothy H. Jamieson (Mrs. Lorne Jamieson). It was specifically listed as a seller of beer.. The card board look like the right vintage. I found no record of any business by that name in Anchorage in Dun & Bradstreet. That could be double checked in old phone directories, but those are not available here in Mt. Kisco.

-Ronald J. Benice

(Ed. note: It was your editor's suspicion that suggested Anchorage)

According to the Sept. 17 issue of Coin World, ATC&PN is published in Haines, Alaska! We never knew that.

N.W.C. CO., continued.

this manner, with no special "premium" attached to them, and with a first hand account of their use as cannery tokens is the reason for my own firm belief that the Alaska attribution is the correct one. But each is entitled to decide the merits of the tokens in his own way.

(At this writing, Dave Fronius of Anchorage has the original Thomas W. Campbell negatives, still in their original container, and sets of the photos may again become available in the near future.)

FUR RENDEZVOUS COLLECTIBLES

Ed Carlson's Festival Specialties is a firm in Anchorage specializing in items relating to Anchorage's Fur Rendezvous celebration.

Ed has available a list of items that were produced for many of the annual Fur Rendezvous, and has agreed to send out a copy of this listing to our readers requesting it.

Please send your inquiries to:

Ed Carlson
P.O. Box 1643
Anchorage, AK 99510

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Talkeetna Historical Society has a nice brochure for a walking tour of Talkeetna. An \$4.50 plus a donation will probably get one. Dues in the Society are \$5 per year, for which you will receive a one page newsletter, and membership card, and the thanks of the folks involved in restoring and preserving this historic town. Address: Box 75, Talkeetna, AK 99676

FOR THE RECORD:



JUNEAU: Taku-Glacier Taxi, \$2.50 one zone fare, Juneau 100th Anniversary commemorative. Antiqued bronze. Available from Nick Nickell, 432 1/2 So. Franklin St., Juneau, AK 99801. A sterling silver version may be issued also.

Sorry, but that is all for this month. No one else sent anything else in.

ALASKAN COIN CLUB NEWS:

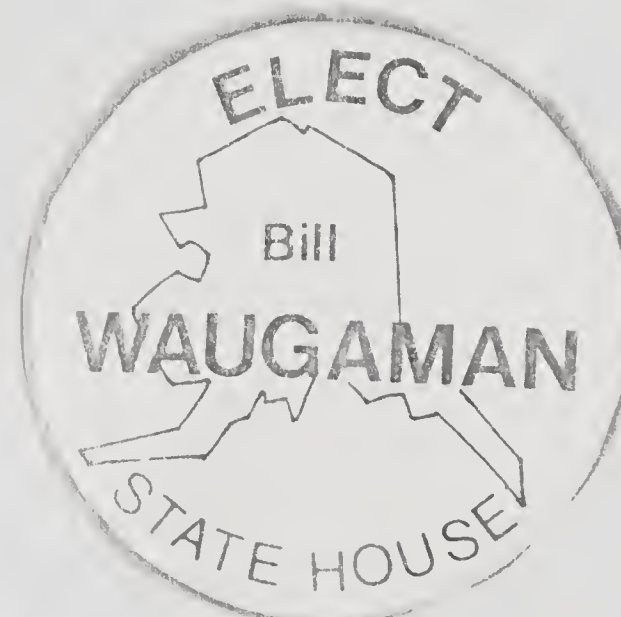
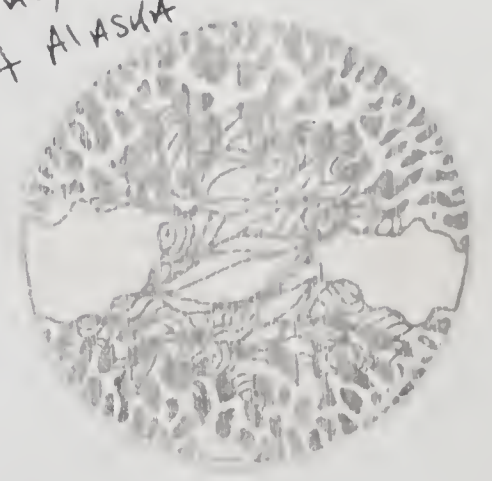
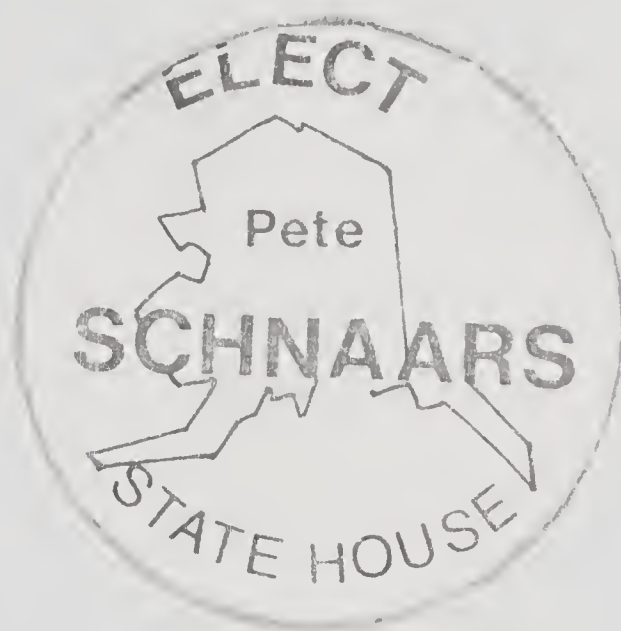
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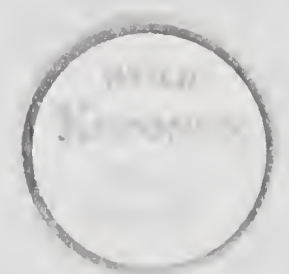
POLITICAL BUTTONS AND OTHERS AT THE ALASKA STATE FAIR

The Alaska State Fair was held at the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds this year. The following 2 page show some of the buttons that were making the rounds. Some are not illustrated because they would not reproduce well. These will be listed at the end of the illustrations.

HOW ABOUT DOING AN ARTICLE FOR US?
THIS IS REALLY ONLY A 3 PAGE ISSUE!



FOR PRESIDENT



NOT A BOTTOM-
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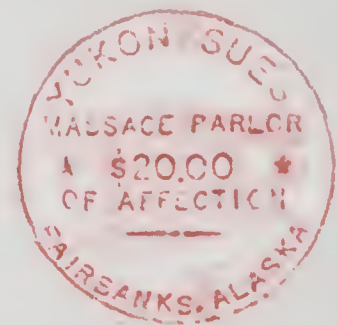
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PSEUDO-WHORE HOUSE TOKENS



Alaska has had its share of houses of ill-repute. Unfortunately, there are no tokens of these businesses known to have survived.

There are several tokens that appear to be for these purposes, but they are either mis-attributions or outright fantasies.

The first of the tokens was not even meant to be deceptive. This is the "Sourdough Lil's, Est. 1893, Skagway" token. It is advertised several times a year as a Skagway



token, and once in a while as from a house of ill-repute! The fact of the matter is that Sourdough Lil's was a pancake house in Westport, Washington, opened by Lillian McKerr in 1949. Lil was born in Skagway in 1893, thus the legend on the token. The tokens were issued by Orville Engle in 1955. Mr. Engle bought the restaurant in 1954 from Lil. There were 10,000 tokens made. They are brass, 25mm. The full story of Sourdough Lil's can

be found in the December, 1971 issue of the TAMS Journal, in an article by J. Blake Godfrey.

The next token is from Kodiak. According to Dick Powell, there was an establishment known as the Doll House, and that they used paper script. Unfortunately, this 38mm, brass token has no connection.



These were made by Sid Urie (of Solly's fame). There were 200 pieces minted.

Dolly's House is located on Creek Street in what was Ketchikan's red light district. The "houses" were closed down in the 50's, but some of the professionals, such as Dolly continued to live there.

When Dolly died, the house was eventually sold to Bob and Nancy Watt. The Watts undertook the

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EDITORIAL

The Wall Street Journal called it "Alaska's Fort Sumter". What it is referring to is the referendum on the state's primary election ballot stating "shall the Alaska Statehood Commission be convened to study the status of the people of Alaska within the United States and to consider and recommend appropriate changes in the relationship of the people of Alaska to the United States?"

Well, by a margin of less than 1% the people of Alaska decided to convene the statehood commission.

We are surprised (pleasantly we might add) that it did pass. When you consider the number of federal employees in Alaska, and the threats of secession some are reading into this, the results are unbelievable. Alaskans are saying to Washington, enough is enough. I hope we are not too late.

The METCA convention will be held in Seattle, on October 25 and 26 at the Morselander Restaurant, (the same location as last year). We were positive about going up to about 3 days ago. Now we are not sure.

We will have to move our store on Nov. 1. With the expenses of moving (alarm system, renovations, etc.), it will be tight for a couple of months. We will do our best to be there, you can count on that.

Also, November's issue of ATC&PN, because of the move, may be late (at least this excuse is valid for a change).

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BOOK REVIEW

ADDRESS LIST & CHECK LIST FOR CANADIAN TRADE DOLLARS by Robert Gilbert, 1980. 64 pages.

After 2 years of writing to Canadian municipalities for specimens of their trade dollars, numismatist Robert Gilbert has put all this data together for collectors into a 64 page check list of Canadian trade dollars. The addresses of 155 municipalities from which he obtained trade dollars, as well as a check list are presented in a neat and spacious booklet printed by photocopy process on 8½ by 11 pages and bound with a stiff loose-leaf type cardboard cover.

The check list is arranged alphabetically by province with issuing municipalities in each province listed in alphabetical order. The address from which trade dollars may be obtained, and a listing by date of all trade dollars issued including die varieties, mint markings, and all metals except gold and silver is given under each municipality. A box is given before each entry so a collector can check off specimens obtained. Specimens in gold and silver are listed in a separate 8 page check list at the end of the book.

This booklet should be of great aid to the collector and dealer wishing to order trade dollars directly from the issuing municipality. Since it is a loose leaf format, more pages with supplementary data can be added later on. Some of the addresses will of course be useful for ordering trade dollars issued in 1981, as at least half of the municipalities issuing trade dollars in any one year have done so previously.

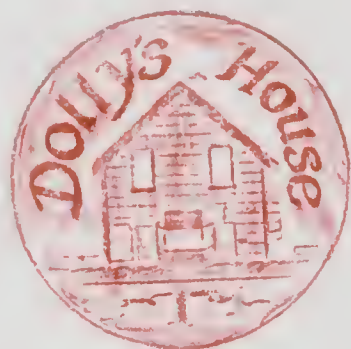
A copy of this booklet is available from Robert Gilbert, P.O. Box 191, Holmdel, NJ 07733.

-Jerry Romick

PSEUDO-WHORE HOUSE TOKENS, cont.

renovation and repairs necessary to turn the house into a tourist attraction.

In 1976, Bob Watt had about 3000



34mm, brass tokens struck.

In 1979, Dolly's House was sold to a corporation, This Dolly's House, Inc., and it has been turned over to the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau to operate for \$1 per year.

Probably the hardest to locate item of pipeline numismatics is the fantasy issue for Yukon Sal's Massage Parlor. Manufactured for Godfrieds and Associates, it was sold through gift shops catering to the tourist trade. Its scarcity is surprising, as 1200 were made. These are cast



out of a white base metal, and are 35mm in diameter.

Another product of the pipeline boom is the token of Fancy Fran's Fillies. Second Ave., in downtown Fairbanks was notorious for the numbers of hookers plying their trade. Many are the pipeliners that had their "poke pinched" by one of the ladies of "Two Street". This uniface, 39mm, brass token was issued by a lady who ran a

small antique/gift shop in a cabin at Alaska Land, Fairbanks' prime tourist trap. This token is illustrated on page 1.

Yukon Sue's Massage Parlor is the product of a deranged mind, manufactured to give false hopes to the deprived workers at Pump Station 7, near Livengood, Alaska. Needless to say, Yukon Sue's does not exist. If you would like to purchase an example, inquiries should be sent to Wil Courtney, P.O. Box 1332, Fairbanks, AK 99707. There were 500 struck in 32mm brass by Wendells of Minneapolis, MN. It is uniface, and illustrated on page 1.

If any more are issued, we will keep you posted. Know of any real ones?

(Our thanks to Dick Powell of Kodiak and Dale Dexter and Henry C. Keene, Jr. of Ketchikan for their assistance on the above article)

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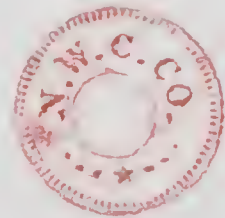
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THE N.W.C. CO. TOKENS ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

by Stephen P. Alpert



I favor the Washington state attribution of the N.W.C. Co. and Northwestern Candy Co. tokens, and I believe they are slot machine tokens. First, I've found them regularly in small hoards of slot machine tokens from the Pacific Northwest, with all the varieties in roughly equal abundance and occurring together. They have also turned up in slot machine hoards from elsewhere in the western U.S. and Canada, but in smaller numbers. Secondly, they are the size, shape, and configuration typical of slot machine tokens of the 1910's to 1930's.

Thirdly, one variety of the token carries a company name: Northwestern Candy Co. This ties in nicely with the above, as many slot machines of the 1910 to 1940 period vended a roll of mints, gum, or candy with each play, either from the machine itself, or a mint vender attached to the side of the machine. Many slot machine tokens even mention mints, candy, gum or confections. The main purpose was to have the machine pass as a vending machine, when actually they were gambling machines with most players not bothering to take the candy. The candy was usually of poor quality, wholesaling at about 1¢ per roll.

The slot machine operating operated by the Northwestern Candy Co. probably paid out winnings in these

tokens only. The tokens could then be played back into the machine in hopes of winning more tokens. On token plays, no mints were vended due to the hole in the token. Usually, the proprietor or bartender would convert the tokens to cash.

Nickels played went into the cash box, tokens played went back to the payout tubes. Thus, each machine was probably stocked with several hundred tokens, which would explain why they are relatively common tokens today.

If the candy company that issued the tokens is still in business, it is reasonable that no one there would remember, recall or admit to the tokens. Many times the machines were run illegally and tokens were indirect evidence. That is why so many slot and pinball machine tokens have initials, numbers or phrases only, and not names and addresses.

From Mr. Egnew's article, I don't see a firsthand account of these being Alaskan tokens, but rather a second hand account from Mrs. Campbell. The pouch of tokens mentioned by Mr. Egnew could be the winnings from a machine that were not played back or cashed in, and just packed away with other mementos.

(ed. note: There we have another view. Word are welcome.)

EDITORIAL

Walt Conant ran a private, profit-making (now a nasty word) busline from the University of Alaska to downtown Fairbanks. Walt was not the most dependable, but it was private enterprise.

The Fairbanks North Star Borough (or is that Burro) bought Walt out a couple of years ago, promising lower fares and more dependable service. The service has been quite good, but then we haven't had any real severe weather of the kind that would knock Walt off-schedule. Winters have been kind, without the usual week or two of -50°. Originally, the fares were lower, with many more routes. But the lower fares were possible only by subsidizing the transit system with tax dollars, reportedly to the tune of \$4 per ride.

Now, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Transit has become MACS (Metropolitan Area Commuter Service). Rides, without tokens, are now 75¢, what Walt was charging. The University run into town is still profitable, even with the addition of another route. Overall, the system is still subsidized with tax dollars, but not as heavily. Maybe that is due to the \$20,000 ad campaign to publicize the name change.

Only government can run a program at a loss, and justify continuing it because it is for the public good, even though the public does not choose to support it voluntarily.

See "For The Record" for a new token and wrapper

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BOOK REVIEW

TRANSACTIONS OF THE CANADIAN NUMISMATIC RESEARCH SOCIETY, 1979. 103 pages.

This is a compilation of articles published by the C.N.R.S. in its quarterly "transactions". Two of the articles are of interest to the polar numismatist.

The first is by Donald M. Stewart, entitled "Numismatics of the Northwest Territories". It is described as a "preliminary listing of the tokens, medals, souvenir dollars and paper money of the Northwest Territories", excluding those of the Hudson's Bay Co. The listing is 6 pages long and lists items from Aklavik to Yellowknife.

The other article, also by Mr. Stewart, describes an 1867 English penny cut vertically into 3 pieces. The pieces are stamped with PA/R/SONS, respectively. All also carry the value 1. Those familiar with Gingras' book on Hudson's Bay Co. items are aware of the "Parsons" tokens, of which this appears to be another variety. This article is only 1 page long, but presents some very interesting bits of information.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS ISSUES 1980 PROOF SET

The Falkland Islands has issued a proof set dated 1980, including a new, 50 Pence coin featuring the extinct Falkland fox.

The new coin is to the usual, British Commonwealth standard for the 50 Pence coin, being 7-sided and 30mm in diameter.

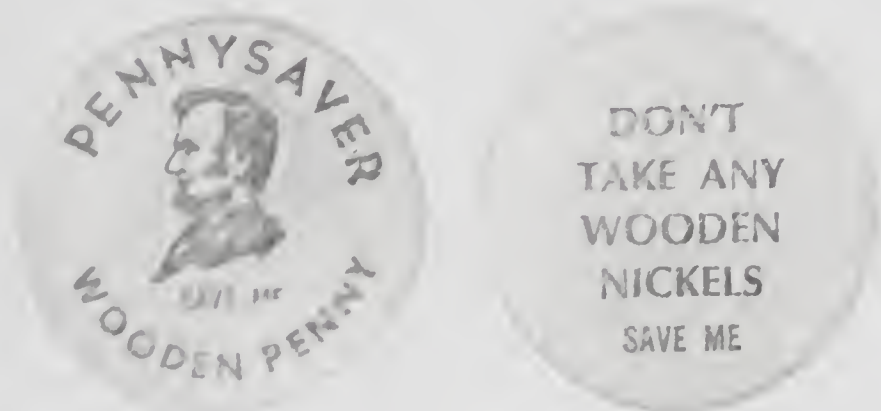
The fox, extinct since 1876 is joined by sea lions, albatross, upland goose, gentoo penguins, and brown trout on the other coins.



The set may be ordered from the British Royal Mint, 128 Passaic Ave., Fairfield, NJ 07006. Price is \$35 (Canadian \$42), postpaid.

Total mintage for the set is 10,000.

FOR THE RECORD



FOR THE RECORD, cont.

FAIRBANKS: (illustrated bottom of 1st column) Pennysaver Wooden Penny



10 TOKENS \$6.00

FAIRBANKS: MACS Transit token. Design in center is bus shaped from the letters MACS. Brass, 23mm. Also illustrated above is the wrapper for 10 tokens, red on white.



JUNEAU: A.A. BOWER, 12½¢ in Trade. Aluminum, 29mm. Submitted by Lew Egnew.

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GOOD FOR
ONE
DRINK
—
Miller House
Bar

THE MILLERS OF
MILLER HOUSE
by
Jo Anne Wold



It seems a shame that Miller House, located near mile 114.5 of the Steese Highway, is gone without a trace- even the ashes of the fire that destroyed the historic landmark in 1971 have been scattered on the wind. It was the oldest roadhouse in Alaska in continuous existence from 1896 when it was built by Fritz Miller and Casper Ellingen to accommodate the Birch Creek diggings which was struck even before Dawson. Millions of dollars worth of gold came out of the ground and the creeks- first by hand, then by dredge.

All that remains of Miller House is the memory of that low, sprawling main building and its satellite log cabins huddled in the dark, narrow valley among the willows and tailing piles. To look down that steep side road that plunges off the highway to that one time center of warmth and cheer is to think of Frank and Graziella Miller who kept the fires burning for more than 33 years, and who provided room and board to travelers; who sold groceries and gasoline to the nearby camps; and who acted as postmasters from 1936 until the end.

There is the memory too of the flag pole with the American and Alaskan flags flying smartly in the stiff breeze that blows more often than not at the 2,000 foot elevation. Everyone knew, of course, that flags signified a post office. At its peak, 200 miners got their mail at Miller House. Deliveries then came once a week by dog team.

Mrs. Miller- Graziella, if you were on a first name basis- was lively and energetic, a person always in a hurry. She talked fast, too, and never lost her French accent. Her touch was seen in the jungle of green plants on the window sills and the beds of cultivated flowers brightening the walk way. Lack of modern facilities never stopped her linen from being snow white, her floors from being immaculate, and dinner being served on time.

It wasn't as if Graziella was born to lead such a life, far from it. She was born in France where her father was an officer in the navy. He spoke nine languages. When Graziella was very young her mother died, leaving her to be raised by an aunt. Her early girlhood was spent in boarding schools. "When I

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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to bring you a very interesting article on the Millers of Miller House, by Jo Anne Wold. This article first appeared in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Aug. 10, 1980, and appears with the kind permission of Ms. Wold. While the article is not numismatic in nature, it presents an intimate view into the life of an Alaskan roadhouse.

The METCA show in Seattle last month (October) was very enjoyable again this year. We renewed some acquaintances, and made some new ones. It was slower this year but nice material was still present.

A fringe benefit of the trip can be found in this issue. Bob Farrell has supplied us with inserts for his mail bid auction of token dies. Several Alaskan dies are featured. Some of the denomination dies were probably also used on Alaskan and Yukon tokens also. This is a rare opportunity to obtain an item that will highlight any token collection and be a sure award-winner for display purposes. The mail auction can be found on pages 5 through 8.

Found on page 9 is the index for this year. After putting this together, I could scream. It was maddening. Enjoy.

And finally, with the national election over, you get one more chance to vote. Renewals are due for 1981. A few have already paid or contributed, for which we thank you. The rest of you must "elect" to continue or not continue. For those who decide to not re-subscribe, thank you for your past support. For those who decide that this rag is worth \$4 per year, instead of a check, how about a contribution? One article that will fill the front page will get you a year's subscription. Surely you

have some information to share. In the months to come, we will bring you articles on the Eagle Trading Co., Alaska Creamery, and Polaris Taku Mining Co., Ltd. (Tulsequah, B.C., just up river from Juneau). For shorter articles, will pro-rate your subscription for the appropriate number of months.

So how about it. Let's make 1981 the best year yet for ATC&PN.

(After a speech like that, I should be a politician.)

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MILLER HOUSE, continued.

was 15 years old, I decided I wasn't going to stay in school anymore," said Graziella in a taped interview in 1969. "I was very spoiled." Her father, who was then in the hotel business in San Francisco, sent her \$500 and a ticket to America. The year was 1905.

Graziella was married in San Francisco. In a tragic series of events both her husband and father died within a month of each other. She had to face the challenge of supporting herself. "I had never worked a day in my life," she said. She went to beauty school in San Francisco and recieved a license to practice as a beautician and cosmetologist in 1910.

The details of her trip to Alaska by boat are not known, but it is known that she met Frank Miller in Livengood in 1915 when he was the U.S. Marshall. They were acquainted nine years before they were married. Frank was a partner in a mining venture that did not pan out. The partner left town, and Frank was left with the debts, and he would not marry until the bills were paid.

Frank was a tall gentleman from Kentucky. He came north to Dawson in 1899 and took part in the stampedes in Circle, Fairbanks, Tolovana, Rampart and others. The Millers were married in Fairbanks in 1926.

While operating Miller House, Frank maintained the old road house tradition that guests were not to carry in firewood or a pail of water, a tradition he maintained well into his 90th year. He mastered the art of a quick fire by having on hand a few pieces of kindling and a spoonful of spruce saw dust mixed with coal oil. In

the store-post office area was a drum stove that took three-foot pieces of wood and was sufficient to keep people and plants in a happy state of well being.

For many years guests were served family style at a long dining room table with 12 high-backed chairs. Lights in those days were propane. There were oil paintings by Ted Lambert, framed family pictures and numerous wolf, lynx, and fox skins on the floor and walls. A set of classics in fancy bindings lined the bookshelf.

There was also a fancy parlor pump organ by Windsor Co. in Chicago at the turn of the century. It was of dark mahogany with a high back and outfitted with little shelves and mirrors and a place for gas lamps. It was brought into the country by some gold miner for the benefit of his city-bred wife.

After Frank passed away in 1969 his wife remained at Miller House, attempting to chop wood and keep the place going. When she passed away the old road house was sold and later burned in a case of suspected arson in the fall of 1971. Before the fire, the contents had been removed and were offered at a public auction in August 1973. Among the items offered was a wood ice box, a solid bronze cash register, a freight wagon, a tuxedo, Frank's old rocking chair and the fancy pump organ.

It was late at night when the organ came up for bid. Some people speculated it would sell for as much as \$8,000. Bidding was brisk. Then there was a difference of opinion between the auctioneer and a man in the crowd. Mrs. Rosalie Able of Fairbanks held up her card and the auctioneer said "Sold!". Later Rosalie said, "I had no intention
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MILLER HOUSE, continued.

of buying the organ. It was my first and only bid." The price tag was \$4,400.

Included with the organ, which is still in good playing condition, were the family pictures Mrs. Miller kept on the little mahogany shelves and a shopping bag full of sheet music circa 1900 with such long ago tunes as "The Kiss That Made Me Cry," "Let the Rest of the World Go By" and "Somebody's Waiting All Alone."

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A Unique Sale of Rare TOKEN DIES



This is the first of two or three mail bid auctions featuring a number of extraordinary token dies executed by Joseph Mayer & Bros. (later, Joseph Mayer, Inc.) of Seattle, Washington. Mayer did not operate a token "factory." He started out in Seattle about 1890 as a watchmaker, then became a pawnbroker, but by 1894-95 is listed as a wholesale jeweler. The first Polk's listing for Joseph Mayer & Bros., wholesale and retail jewelry, is in 1897. By 1906 the company had a 124 page catalogue, mainly devoted to jewelry, spoons, and medals, but featuring one page of trade checks. Tokens were clearly a sideline. Most of the Mayer tokens reflect far more individual care than given by the average mail order trade check manufacturer.

The dies featured here were recently found under the floor of the old Joseph Mayer shop. Some were discards, with rim nicks making them unsuitable for use but not detracting from their interest to collectors or general appearance. Many, especially the reverses, date from before 1910, others from around 1915-16, and some from the early '30s. Each is of course unique. More importantly, it is quite possible there will never be another offering of Washington State token dies comparable to this one. Lewis Egnew, writing in the May 1975 TTT about Puget Sound Stamp Works of Seattle states that PSSW provided "most of the Washington State tokens encountered today," and states the opinion that the same firm made perhaps as many as 80% of Alaska tokens. Puget Sound's dies were sold for scrap, and that was undoubtedly the fate of the other smaller businesses as well. This may well be the only opportunity for the local collector to obtain a sample of the dies used to make tokens he or she is collecting.

Special rules of this sale are set forth at the end. Please observe the minimum bids where given. For the reasons stated, some of these dies deserve a high price, and will get it. You cannot go down the street and get another one for the display you are planning. Others will be within the price range of any collector, and although they may not be as choice, they will make the token which they struck so much more interesting.

Transportation

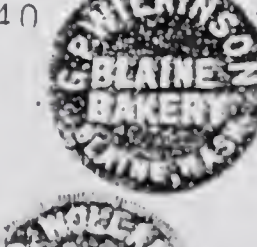
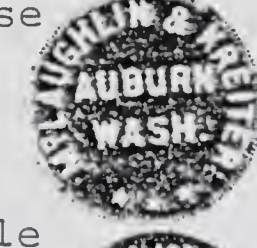
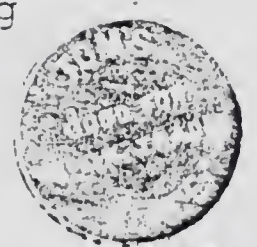
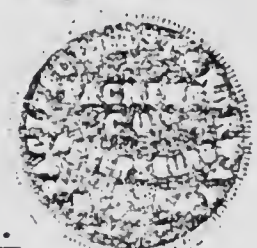
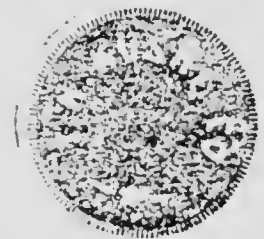
1. (Willapa, WA) Willapa Harbor Bus Line. 24 mm, star design. As far as I can tell this is the die for an unlisted and unknown transportation token from a town from which no tokens are known. The 1915-16 Lewis & Pacific Cty. Wash. Polk's lists B.A. Bullard as running a "stage line" in Willapa, Washington (pop. 200). This token was struck for Mr. Bullard's stage line on October 1, 1915, and was "good for one 10¢ fare." The die itself took three hours to make, at 38¢ per hour. We know all of this because of the Mayer stock card, approx. 6 1/4 x 10 inches, which will be sold with the die. A great set--it would be better only if someone could find the token. Note: the stock card lists Bullard's address as Raymond, Wn., 3 miles from Willapa. MB \$60 for the set.

Alaska

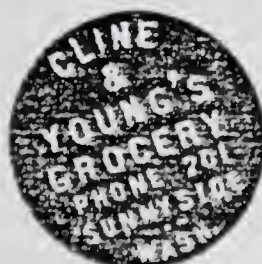
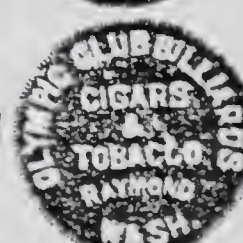
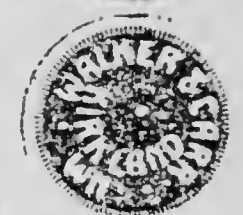
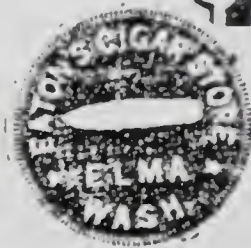
2. (Cordova and Latouche, AK) Native Copper. 27 mm. This was John W. Little's die, used to strike one side of his saloon tokens for these two towns, Cordova 20 and Latouche 2 (Benice numbers). Dates from 1909-11. MB \$30.
3. (Ketchikan, AK) T.N. Kushi Co. 24 mm. This would appear to be the 25¢ size of Ketchikan 22. It probably is from ca. 1930 rather than the earlier period of Mayer Bros. work.
4. (Petersburg, AK) Good for 50¢ in trade, P.C. & N.P.Co. [Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company]. Petersburg 6C and 6D reverse, I expect, though Benice does not picture the reverses. Must date from 1911 or before, and an attractive die. 28.5 mm. MB \$50.
5. Petersburg, AK - Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Co. The obverse of the 25¢ size of the above token, 24.5 mm, but NO DATE. Assuming the dates are on the obverse as on the \$1.00 token pictured by Benice, this is a die for an UNKNOWN VARIETY of Petersburg 6. MB \$50.
6. (Wrangell, AK) Tom's Place, Good for 5¢ in trade. 22 mm, Wrangell 10A. The die for an R7 token, struck ca. 1930. Mayer was bought out in 1938. (The next sale will feature the die for an unlisted 10¢ piece.) MB \$40

Washington

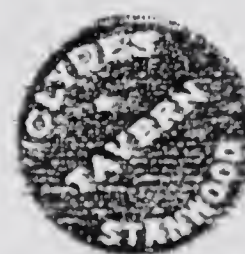
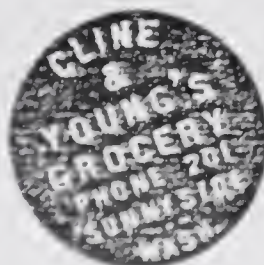
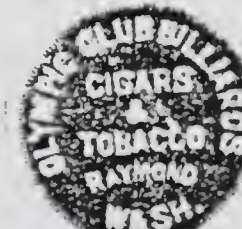
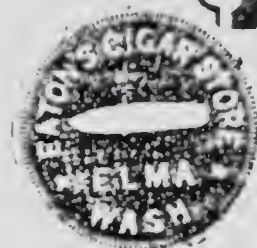
7. Auburn, WA - McLaughlin & Kreiter. 24 mm.
8. Blaine, WA - Blaine Bakery, G.P. Wilkinson. Polk's lists Mr. Wilkinson's bakery in 1911. 25 mm.
9. Conway, WA - O. Wollan Pool Hall. The last Washington census shows no collector with a full town/state inscription. The 1917-18 and 1921-22 Polk's shows Wollan running the Conway Hotel. This die may be earlier, or may represent a side business. MB \$25.



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